

During Reading Strategies

1 Understanding Vocabulary

The first level of understanding in reading is at the word level. You have to be able to understand the words before you can move on to anything else. By now, you are probably able to read quite well, but you may have difficulty understanding new, complex or higher-level words. Developing word attack strategies will help you to figure out unfamiliar words so you can keep reading with understanding.

- ➡ **Use word attack strategies** to help you figure out how to pronounce (say) new words and figure out their meaning.
- ➡ **Use glossaries and dictionaries** to find out how to say a word and what it means.
- ➡ **Use context clues** to help you figure out the meanings of difficult words.

Check out [Strategies for Understanding Vocabulary](#) and [Strategies for Building Vocabulary](#).

2 Monitoring During Reading

The second level of understanding in reading is at the sentence level. This means that you completely understand the meaning of each individual sentence. Developing monitoring skills will help you to keep reading with understanding.

- ➡ **Follow a monitoring process** to make sure that you notice when you have misread something and know how to reread to figure out the correct meaning.

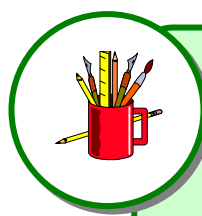
Check out [Monitoring as You Read](#) for a process you can use.

3 Reading Comprehension

The third level of understanding is at the passage level. This means that you completely understand the meaning of the whole text. Developing comprehension strategies will help you to keep reading with understanding.

- ➡ **Choose your material carefully** by using prereading strategies before you start reading. Get ready for reading by making sure that you are comfortable and that there are few or no distractions around you. Before you start reading, make predictions and think of questions.
- ➡ **Keep your purpose (goal) in mind** while you are reading. Let it focus your reading.
- ➡ **Make predictions** while you read to keep yourself focused and interested.
- ➡ **Make connections** between what you are reading and what you have read, learned or experienced before.
- ➡ **Answer the questions** you thought of before you started reading.
- ➡ **Respond to what you read** by talking and writing to share your opinions and to prove your understanding.

Check out [Strategies for Reading Comprehension](#) for more help.



Use Tools [Making Predictions I](#),
[Guiding Reading with Questions](#),
[Connecting Ideas](#).