

🎧 Story Reading Comprehension Step-by-Step 🎧

Do one step at a time. Do not move forward until mastery is achieved.

0) Preview.

- a) What is the title?
- b) Who is the author?
- c) Who is the illustrator?
- d) Look at the pictures – Who/What do I think the story/book is about? (Who do you see on the cover and in most of the pictures?)
- e) Does this seem like a story or an information book/article?
- f) Is it silly or life-like?

1) See a movie in your mind. Draw it out.

- a) Identify and describe characters/people.
- b) Identify setting/places/time elements.
- c) Tell what happens step by step, ideally in 3 to 5 steps.

2) Understand.

- a) Find the main character, primary setting or activity.
- b) Identify the problem.
- c) Identify how the problem was solved.
- d) Answer simple who, what, when, where questions using story language.
i.e. The dog ran after the ball. Who ran after the ball? What did the dog run after?

3) Interpret.

- a) Why did the author write the story? – to entertain or to teach
- b) Is there a lesson in this story? What do you learn about life?
- c) Why is the story called [TITLE]?
 - i) Because the [CHARACTER]...(was__ OR was doing __)
 - ii) Because the story took place in [SETTING]
 - iii) Because the story teaches [LESSON]

4) Wonder out loud and use textual evidence for clues.

- a) I wonder what will happen next.
- b) I wonder what this word means.
- c) I wonder why __ happened.
- d) (If someone didn't say something...) I wonder what he/she was thinking.