

Strategies for Reading Success

Finding word meaning in context

Working out the meaning of an **unknown word** from other words around it.

- The words and phrases around an unknown word often provide clues to the word's meaning. These are called context clues.
- Context clues are often in the sentence where the unknown word appears.
- A comparison or definition often provides clues to the meaning of the unknown word.
- Substituting another word for the unfamiliar word is a good way to check your understanding.

Drawing conclusions & making inferences

Drawing conclusions and making inferences is knowing information that is **not directly stated in the passage**.

- When details are not clearly explained in the reading passage, you may need to jump to a reasonable conclusion. This is called reading between the lines.
- Use the details from the reading passage, as well as what you know from your own life.

- Think about your conclusions and inferences. Which details in the reading passage helped you draw these conclusions and make these inferences?



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Distinguishing between fact and opinion

Facts are statements that can be checked or proved.

- Facts often contain numbers, dates, ages or information about a specific thing.
- Facts can be used to support opinions.



Opinions are statements that tell what someone thinks, feels or believes.

- A good opinion is based on fact, but it is still an opinion.
- Opinions often include clue words such as think, feel, believe, seem, always, never, none, most, least, greatest, best or worst.