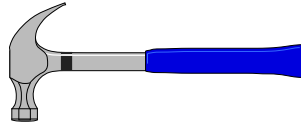


12 Ways to Repair Reading



When I find the paragraph or selection too hard to understand, I should...

- 1) read it aloud to myself. *(This will especially help if you're confused with who is talking when in the text.)*
- 2) point to the words as I read. *(This will keep your eyes on the words just a little bit longer maybe improving your comprehension.)*
- 3) slow down. *(Reading does not equate to finishing. Adjust your reading rate.)*
- 4) reread short sections. *(Create your own personal list of when rereading is a good option. Go beyond just saying when the text is confusing. Can you come up with a list of 10 reasons when to reread?)*
- 5) take notes or use sticky notes. *(Think of Goldilocks. Use one color sticky next to text that is too easy, another color next to text that is just right, and a third color next to text that is too difficult. Identifying the difficult text will allow your teacher to better help you.)*
- 6) underline what I don't know. *(You can go back to these parts later.)*
- 7) replace an unknown word with a known one. *(Ask yourself, "Does it make sense?")*
- 8) look up words that keep me from understanding. *(Spend time only looking up the key words.)*
- 9) write down my questions and connections. *(This keeps you engaged longer.)*
- 10) talk with someone. *(Everyone understands better when they have a chance to talk it over with a friend.)*
- 11) review my purpose for reading the text. *(Remind yourself over and over why you are reading the text.)*
- 12) look at titles, boldfaced words, graphics. *(Pretend you are literally driving through the text in a car. Use the subtitles, boldfaced words, and graphics as signposts to give you better direction.)*