

Blues

Skill: Making Predictions

I Told You This Would Happen

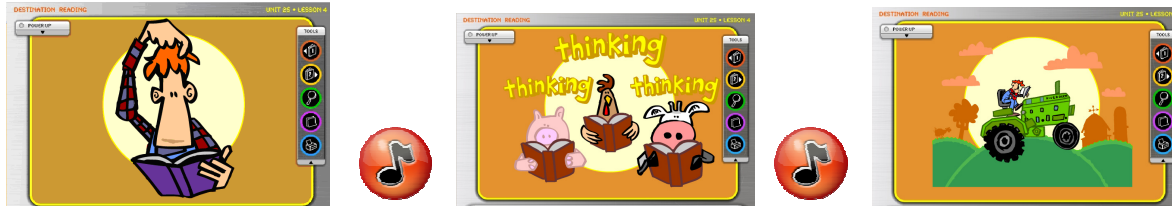
Oh, I told you this would happen
I could see it from the start
The clues were there for seeing
I could feel it in my heart

Oh, you have to look to see it--
Pictures, words...your mind, too
Can't you just see the future
Looking right at you?

Yeah, you can change your prediction
Check it out as you go
As you get new information,
Let your thoughts morph and grow

Oh, I can tell you what will happen
I can see it from the start
My predictions can't be beat...
As a reader I'm too smart





Country

Skill: Monitor Comprehension

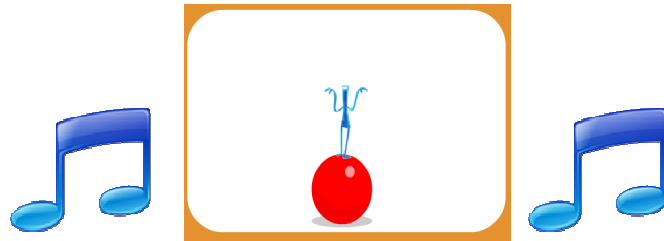
Thinking, Thinking, Thinking

I notice so much about myself
While I'm reading
I notice what I'm thinking
While I'm reading
Thinking, thinking, thinking...it's a big part of reading

If I don't understand
While I'm reading
I go back and read again
While I'm reading
Thinking, thinking, thinking...it's a big part of reading

Sometimes I miss something
While I'm reading
So I fill in the gap
While I'm reading
Thinking, thinking, thinking...it's a big part of reading

Go ahead, reread
While you're reading
Pay attention to your mind
While you're reading
Thinking, thinking, thinking...it's a big part of reading



Funky

Skill: Take Notes, Main Idea/Detail

What's the Main Idea?

**I'm reading and I'm reeling as I read a paragraph
I've got to separate the main ideas from the chaff.
I keep on reading forward but my mind keeps drifting back
I've got to find a way to organize and keep on track**

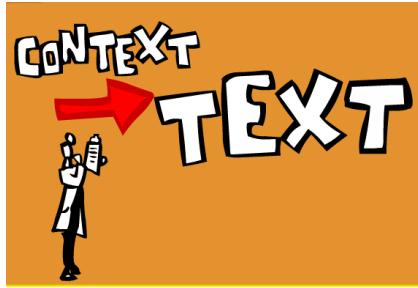
**Oh...I need a way to know
That here's the main idea and the details are below
A word to the wise: I need to organize.
I need to read and find, indeed, a way to summarize**

**I'm reading through a passage and I think I've got it now.
The key words and the headings are all here to show me how.
I take notes while I'm reading, then review them at the end.
I spot the main idea. Look now! I comprehend.**

**I intend...to learn to comprehend
To find the topic sentence at the start, middle, or end.
Now I'm wise: I can organize.
I'm taking notes, reviewing notes, and then I summarize.**

**See a...
Main idea...**

**Organize...
Summarize...**



The Doctor of Structure

Bring it down, look around, the word and sound around town
It's the Doctor of Structure bringing it, breaking it down.
What you read, take heed, he'll open up your eyes
Deciding from the writing how the writing, how the writing's organized.

Historical and other fiction, biography
He so knows the flow goes sequentially
Looking for chronology in words and dates
He knows and shows how structure and meaning relate

He's great...
that's the Doctor...
the Doctor of Structure...
breaking it down...
text structure...

Depiction, description, and science non-fiction,
The Doctor knows their structure, their details, and their diction.
Headings, sub-headings, he analyses text,
Because once he knows the form, then normally the meaning comes next.

The context is the text, check out the form of the passage
The Doctor of Structure says the medium is the message.
Analysing text structure, giving it attention,
Not to mention adding a new dimension to your reading comprehension.

that's the Doctor...
the Doctor of Structure...
breaking it down...
text structure...



Jazz
Skill: Context Clues

Look Around

Grumpy, mean
Eager, keen

When seeking synonyms I'm eager and keen
If I know "keen," then eagerly I'll know what "eager" means.

Face the light
Light up your face

Two different meanings for "light" and "face"
Single words, many meanings, depending on their place.

If I don't know what one word means
Still, I don't get confused.

I look at the other words around.
Is the meaning found in the way it's used?

Look around
Words abound

Look at the other phrases hanging around.
Take your cue from a context clue, and the meaning will be found
...around.



Latin
Skill: Visualizing

Can You See It?

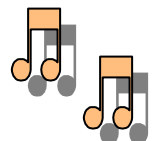
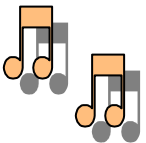
When I read about a mountain stream
I see a brook in a daydream
And hear the water swirl and splash
And feel its icy sting
I'm visualizing.

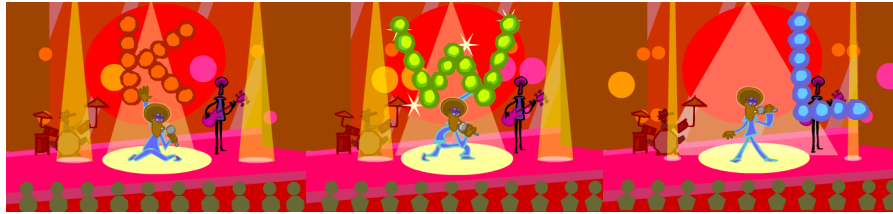
Chorus:
Imagination is the key
That makes the words real
In my mind I hear and see
I taste and smell and feel.

When I read about a band on stage
The players leap up from the page
I hear the cymbals crash
I feel myself dancing
I'm visualizing.

(Chorus)

If I write you a letter, let it take you away
So you're seeing and feeling whatever I say
You'll be there in a flash
So real it's surprising:
You're visualizing.





Motown Skill: KWL Chart

KWL

**Before your reading starts
Use a handy chart
Write down what you know**

**Then in the middle section
Write down certain questions
What do you want to know?**

**Then...when your reading ends
Write there...what you comprehend**

CHORUS

**K.... Write down what you know
W....what you want to know
L...write down what you've learned and what you now do know
Oh oh...don't you know**

**Here's the way to go
List the things you know
And what you hope to find**

**Then after you have read
Write what's in your head
Your reading's now refined.**

CHORUS

**K.... Write down what you know
W....what you want to know
L...write down what you've learned and what you now do know**



In Your Own Words

**Sometimes you read or hear what someone said
Then it slips and slides out of your head
Here's a way to make it stay:
Put it in your own words, another way.**

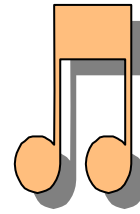
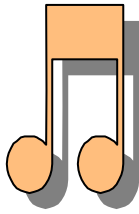
**Chorus:
It will all be fine
When I take those words
And make them mine
Yeah, I'll just make them mine.**

**If things get hazy while you're reading
And clarity just keeps receding
Here's a way to save the day:
Put it in your own words, another way.**

(Chorus)

**Bridge:
Dennis says he's downhearted
I know that means he's feeling sad;
Pat says her feline misbehaved
I know her cat did something bad
Yes, I can say the same thing different ways
In other words, I can paraphrase.**

**So when you're navigating text
Don't you worry, don't get vexed
Just remix, and then replay:
Put it in your own words, another way.
(Chorus)**



Reggae
Skill: Making Inferences

Get It Together

(Chorus)

A piece from here, a piece from there
Bring it all together
A thought from here, a fact from there
Put it all together
An idea is a work of art
Greater than the parts
And you know that you're the artist

(Verse 1)

Inferential thinking, extension, and conclusion
Imagination, observation, leading to solutions
Something new, and something known
Someone else's and your own

(Chorus)

(Verse 2)

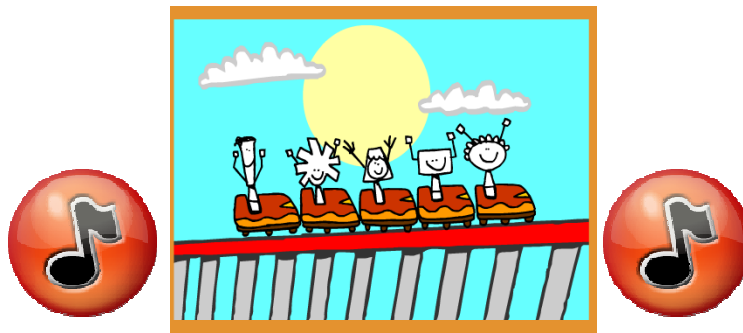
Innovation, dedication, flash of inspiration
Foundation, interpretation, original creation
Fuse what you read to what you know
Where you've been leads to where you'll go

(Chorus)

(Verse 3)

Synthesizing, analyzing, flows to realizing
Collecting, reflecting, a new idea rising
Add what you find to your own mind
All combined, one beautiful design

(Chorus)



Rock

Skill: Literary Elements

Story Developing

The story is beginning
Exposition sets the scene
The story is beginning
Characters appear on the scene
The plot is now unfolding
Action rising like I've never seen

Characters and tension
Rising action's getting dense
Growing complication
The plot is building with suspense
The story hits a climax
Where the action's most intense

Reaching a conclusion
Now the action's falling fast
The story's past its climax
Intensive action's past
The plot is unravelling
Reaching a conclusion at last