



Strategies For Improving Comprehension Skills Reading

Primary School

Cut Up Texts

Photocopy a suitable text and cut it diagonally into four. Seat students in fours. Give a piece of the text to each student. They mustn't show their piece to the others. Give each group a set of questions. The group have to work collaboratively to answer the questions since no one has the whole of the text. Groups can assemble their text when they have finished.

Key Words

Put students into groups, and give each group the same reading text. After students read the text, have each group devise a list of key words; to help students you may want to set a maximum number of key words, e.g. 3-5 depending on the length of the text. Check the answers and discuss student choices.

Word Problems

With word problems, students can simultaneously practice their reading comprehension and their math skills.

Write the Question

Put students into groups, and give each group a reading text (the same text or different texts). After students read the text, give each group a set of answers related to the text and have them formulate the correct question for each answer.