




Reading Buddies

Looking for a fun way for your students to think while they're reading? Photocopy and cut out these bookmarks for them, or use the questions in class discussions. Have fun!





When I don't understand a word:

- Should I say the word out loud?
- Can the other words in the story help me understand the unknown word?
- Do I need to reread?
- What is the author trying to tell me?
- What is the most important thing for me to understand?





As I start to read, what do I need to ask myself so that I'll understand better?

- Does it make sense? Why or why not?
- Do the words look right and sound right?
- What is it about?
- Who is the author talking to?
- What is happening here?



Jump into the story!

- If I could ask any character a question, what would I ask? Why?
- If I could ask the author a question, what might that be? Why?
- Did the setting or any of the characters remind me of people or places in my life? How are they alike and how are they different?
- What surprised me as I read? How did this change how I feel about the story?
- What did I learn today that I did not know before?



Free your imagination!

- What does the story make me wonder about the writer?
- What does the story make me wonder about myself?
- How would I change the ending of the story?
- If I were a character in the story, how would the story change?
- If I met the writer, what would I tell him or her?

