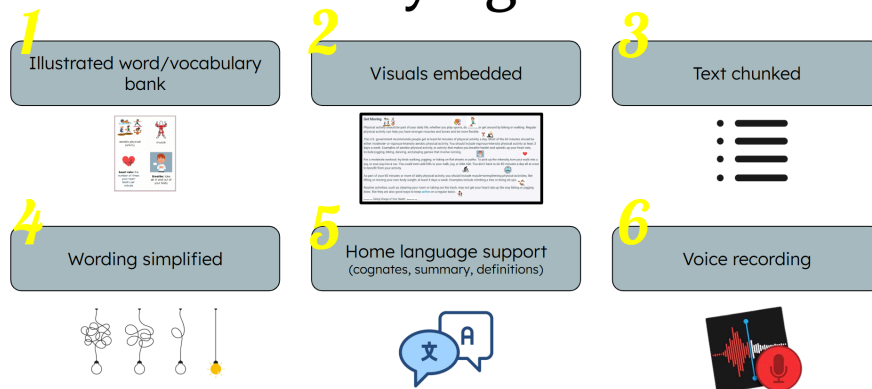


## Approaches to Modifying Text



## Examples of using the approaches to modify text

This is the original text:

### What's This? One "Cool" Fox

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How does the **fennec fox** survive the scorching heat of the Sahara Desert? Believe it or not, it has a lot to do with those gigantic ears! A fox's ears do more than hear. They also give off heat to keep the animal cool. So the bigger the ears, the more heat they give off. (This also explains why the arctic fox has tiny ears. )

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Strategy: Simplifying and chunking the text (you can use AI)

#### Simplified and chunked

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The **fennec fox** survives the hot heat of the Sahara Desert. It has very big ears!

A fox's ears can:

- hear
- give off heat to keep the animal cool

The thick fur on its body and feet:

- **protects** it from the hot Sun
- help it walk across hot **desert** sand

The fennec fox also stays cool by hunting at night, when the **desert** cools down.

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Strategy: Simplifying the text (you can use AI)

Simplified by AI

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The fennec fox lives in the hot desert.

It has big ears that help it stay cool.

Its thick fur keeps the sun off.

Its furry feet protect it from hot sand.

It comes out at night when it's cooler.

Strategy: Adding a word bank to support comprehension

Illustrated word bank


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Fennec fox



ears



thick fur



desert

Strategy: Embedding visuals to support comprehension of the text

Visuals embedded

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## Strategy: Using Home Language (HL) Summary Support (AI can support with this)

**HL Support: Summary**

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El zorro del desierto (zorro fénec) vive en el Sahara.  
Tiene orejas grandes que lo ayudan a mantenerse fresco.  
Su pelaje grueso lo protege del sol.  
Tiene pelos en los pies para no quemarse con la arena.  
Sale a cazar de noche, cuando hace más frío.

## Strategy: Using cognates in the student's Home Language to support comprehension (AI can support with this)

**HL Support: Cognates**

### What's This? One "Cool" Fox

How does the **fennec fox** **survive** the scorching heat of the Sahara **Desert**? Believe it or not, it has a lot to do with those **gigantic** ears! A fox's ears do more than hear. They also give off heat to keep the **animal** cool. So the bigger the ears, the more heat they give off. (This also **explains** why the **arctic** fox has tiny ears. )

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- Survive – sobrevivir
- Desert – desierto
- Gigantic – gigantesco
- Animal – animal
- Arctic – ártico
- Explains – explica
- Protects – protege

## Strategy: Using definitions of key words in the student's Home Language to support comprehension

**HL Support: Definitions**

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- Fennec fox – Un pequeño zorro del desierto con orejas muy grandes que vive en el Sahara.
- Survive – Vivir o seguir existiendo en condiciones difíciles.
- Heat – Temperatura alta; mucho calor.
- Desert – Lugar muy seco y caluroso con poca agua y vegetación.
- Ears – Parte del cuerpo que sirve para oír; en este caso, también ayudan a enfriar el cuerpo.
- Animal – Ser vivo que no es planta ni humano.
- Cool – No tener calor; estar fresco.
- Arctic – Región muy fría cerca del Polo Norte.
- Fur – Pelo grueso que cubre el cuerpo de algunos animales.
- Feet – Parte inferior del cuerpo que usan los animales para caminar.
- Hunting – Buscar y atrapar comida, como otros animales.
- Night – Parte del día cuando está oscuro y el sol no está visible.
- Sun – Estrella que da luz y calor a la Tierra.
- Sand – Pequeños granos que cubren el suelo del desierto.

Strategy: Using voice recording to reach the text to the student in English to support comprehension

Voice recording

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