

Comprehension

Reading comprehension is the ability to understand written text. It is a complex process that involves all the other components of reading, as well as a reader's background knowledge.

Did you know...?

- Explicitly teaching reading comprehension strategies helps students recognize and apply ways of thinking that strong readers use to understand text (Shanahan et al., 2010).
- These strategies help students become more purposeful and active when they read and can be used before, during, and after reading.
- Reading comprehension strategies include activating prior knowledge and making predictions, self-monitoring for understanding, asking and answering questions, making inferences, and summarizing or retelling.

#5 COMPREHENSION
**Comprehension happens when
the words become ideas.**
Once a child is reading fluently with a strong vocabulary, they can read for understanding. Comprehension is that "Oh! I get it now!" moment, repeated. Help with comprehension by asking questions about what they are reading.

