

95 Percent Group's Student-Friendly Definitions of Comprehension Processes

Connecting	<p>Connecting is relating something you know to something that you're reading. It's connecting your life to the passage.</p>
Questioning	<p>Questioning is what you do when you wonder about words or ideas in something you are reading. When we ask a question, we start with question starter words that help us form questions. The question starter words we'll use are: <i>who, what, where, when, why, and how.</i></p>
Predicting	<p>Predicting is using the ideas in the text along with what you already know to create a thoughtful guess about what's going to happen. A prediction should be based on some information in the passage, along with your background knowledge about the topic.</p>
Imaging	<p>Imaging is using your senses to build a more complete picture in your mind of what the author says.</p>
Inferring	<p>Inferring is figuring out what the author means but doesn't say. Sometimes an author does not tell us everything. You have to start with what the author does say, along with what you already know, to figure out what the author might mean above and beyond what's actually stated.</p>
Determining Importance	<p>Nonfiction:</p> <p>Text structure tells the author's purpose and helps the reader quickly find the most important information.</p> <p>Text features such as the title, headings, bold print, and diagrams helps the readers determine what is important.</p> <p>Combining details helps us remember important information by grouping similar details into a larger category.</p> <p>Important Ideas can be found by combining details, in repeated words, or in the first and last sentences. The Main Idea is what the passage (or paragraph) is mostly about.</p> <p>Summarizing helps focus the reader on the main ideas.</p> <p>Fiction:</p> <p>Story Elements such as characters, setting, and problem and solution help us focus on the important information in the story.</p> <p>Summarizing helps focus the reader on the main ideas.</p>
Synthesizing	<p>Synthesizing is developing your own idea about the message you learned by determining which information is important and combining the key ideas.</p>