

Modeling the Metacognitive Strategies for English Learners

Comprehensive ELD Program - Modeling the Metacognitive Strategies

The effective use of metacognitive strategies is what allows for transference of skills and knowledge across content. English Learners are simultaneously learning metacognitive strategies and the language to discuss and apply those strategies. Accordingly, EL students require opportunities to practice the language used to apply and discuss these Metacognitive Strategies. As you teach and model the Metacognitive Strategies, you can guide instruction and support EL students with the following steps:

Ask Questions	Visualize	Determine Text Importance	Make Inferences/Predictions	Summarize and Synthesize	Make Connections	Fix-Up Monitoring
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BEFORE READING	<p>Introduce the passage/Active Listening Read the title and share information about the author. Invite students to work with a partner and share their ideas on what the passage is about based on their knowledge of text elements and active listening of the information provided.</p> <p>Explain the Strategy/Active Listening Each unit’s selections reinforce a specific metacognitive strategy. Explain to students that as you read, you will model the strategy. At least one of the interactive read-aloud prompts per selection supports the Metacognitive Strategy.</p>
DURING READING	<p>Read and Think Aloud/Active Listening Read aloud the text with fluent expression. As you read, stop occasionally to think aloud and model the target Metacognitive Strategy. Use the sample prompts during reading to help you formulate think-alouds for the passages you are reading.</p> <p>Paraphrasing After key sections of the text, stop and invite students to work with a partner to paraphrase the text.</p>
AFTER READING	<p>You may ask questions to focus conversation on the habits of readers. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did you see me do as I read the passage? • What kinds of inferences did I make? • How did I summarize and synthesize information as I read? How did that help me? • What did I do to “fix up” my comprehension? • What kinds of questions did you see me ask? • Where did I find the important information? • What information in the text helped me visualize? <p>Create a class Metacognitive Strategies Anchor Chart based on the information generated during your discussions in each unit. Save this anchor chart and add to it each day as you continue to focus on the same strategy.</p> <p>Turn and Talk /Extended Communication Provide explicit opportunities for EL students to share examples of Metacognitive Strategies they used as they listened to the text. Remind students to use the Constructive Conversation Skills and provide at least four examples each. Ask partners to share their ideas with the whole group.</p> <p>Connect and Transfer Remind students that readers need to be active and engaged with the text whenever they read and that you would like them to consciously practice using this strategy until it becomes natural and automatic.</p>