




Reading Skills


What makes a good reader?



A good reader...

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- **engages with the text;**
 - **understands what is being read;**
 - **can ‘read between the lines’;**
 - **is able to pick out the most important information;**
 - **remembers the main points of a text;**
 - **considers questions the text may pose.**

Fiction or non-fiction?



A successful reader may enjoy reading a good story, but a preference for non-fiction can be just as important.

What strategies should you develop to improve your reading skills?



Find your partner using the 'reading strategies' cards.

Check your answers

Predicting	You make informed guesses about the text
Skimming	You read quickly through the sentences getting a gist of the understanding of the text
Scanning	Your eyes dart around a text searching for a specific word/phrase/number
Close reading	You pay close attention to the sentences, taking time to understand the meaning
Questioning	You ask questions about a text to clarify your ideas
Reading backwards and forwards	When you have to read back in a text or read forward in order to make connections or clarify your ideas
Empathising	When you put yourself in someone else's shoes and feel what they feel
Visualising	You see a picture in your mind to help gain a better impression or understanding of the text
Inferring	When someone makes a point that isn't obvious and you have to read 'between the lines' to find the meaning

Where do you currently use these strategies?



Over the next couple of weeks, consider all the different opportunities you have to use these reading strategies, both in school and at home.

Each time you do, remember that you are improving your reading skills...

Join our club...



To continue our reading season, we would like to invite you all to our new **'TAS Readers'** group. Our first afternoon session will be based on 'The Hunger Games' and will include a chance for you to bring members of your family to school on March 4th to talk about the story before watching the film adaptation.

Popcorn will be provided!

Please see the letter for full details.