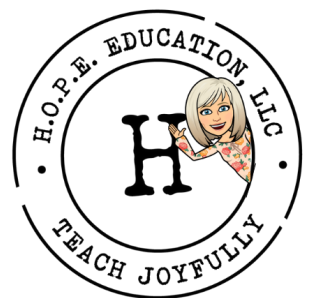


# Reading Skills vs. Strategies Cheat Sheet

What's the difference?



# Reading Skills

Used to decode and read a text.

## 1. Phonemic Awareness

- Orally hearing, identifying and manipulating sounds in words

## 2. Phonics

- Putting sounds and letters and groups of letters together and pulling them apart or manipulating them to both decode words and write words —matching the spoken sounds to the letters that represent them.

## 3. Fluency

- Proper speed, cadence and inflection

## 4. Vocabulary

- Understanding new words and using background knowledge to activate vocabulary and apply it.

## 5. Comprehension

- At this level is... Checking for understanding at the story, sentence and word levels.

# Reading Strategies

Used to comprehend a text at a deeper level.

1. **Making Predictions**
  - Using clues to predict what will happen next.
2. **Asking Questions**
  - Asking yourself questions before during and after you read.
3. **Summarizing**
  - a short retelling with only the most important parts.
4. **Visualizing**
  - creating pictures in your head of the setting, characters, and events from the description and clues in the text.
5. **Making Connections**
  - connecting things you know about yourself, your world and/or other books that is similar to what you just read.
6. **Using Inferences**
  - using clues in the text to discover what is implied but not explicitly written or stated.
7. **Evaluating**
  - In non-fiction, determine the information that matters most. What is MOST important?
8. **Monitoring Comprehension**
  - This is essentially checking for understanding as we read - at the paragraph, page and chapter levels.
9. **Author's Purpose**
  - Why did the author write the text?
10. **Main Idea**
  - What the text is mostly about.
11. **Compare + Contrast**
  - Analyze two things by finding similarities and differences.
12. **Point of View**
  - Who is telling the story? Whose view are the events being presented from?

## Other resources you might like...

