

# Seven Strategies Used by Good Readers

## 1. Preview

- Look at the book from the front cover to the back
- Sample/Read a few words or paragraphs
- Take a look at a few pictures
- Use your prior knowledge to make meaning
- Begin to think what the book is about

## 2. Questions

- Ask the 5W's (Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How)
- Decide if what you read makes sense
- Keep a reading log to help with reading comprehension
- Ask yourself about the author's purpose for writing this story
- Write down questions as you read and see if they are answered

## 3. Predict

- Ask yourself what will happen next
- Base your predictions on clues from the book
- Make educated guesses and read ahead to see if you guessed correctly

## 4. Infer

- Read "in between" the lines
- Image details
- Take what the author wrote, add your knowledge and past understanding & draw some conclusions
- Clues! Clues! Clues! Be your own detective!

## 5. Connect

- Relate what you read to what you know, think, and feel
- Compare what you read to:
  - i. Yourself
  - ii. Another book
  - iii. Another character
  - iv. The world
  - v. Similar situations

## 6. Summarize

- Organize and connect details from the story
- Draw your own conclusions
- Retell the story in your own words
- Give only main ideas and most important details

## 7. Evaluate

- Think about what you read
- What did you learn?
- Was it important? Why or why not?
- Did you like the story? Why or why not?
- Would you recommend this story? Why or why not?
- What type of job did the author do? Did he have voice?

\*\*\* Remember use only one question per day\*\*\*

## 5B Reading Log

### Reading Log Directions

1. Read daily, except Saturday & Sunday – these are meant for “catch up” days.
2. When you read do the following:
  - a. Write the ***title of the book*** in the space provided.
  - b. Write the ***number of minutes*** read in the space provided.
  - c. ***Respond on the reading log worksheet*** indicating what strategies you used and your thinking behind each one. (See back of page to refresh yourself in the ***seven strategies used by good readers.***)
  - d. Write the ***page numbers*** read in the space provided.
  - e. ***Calculate your points*** using the table below.

0-8 minutes	=	0 points
9-16 minutes	=	1 points
17-24 minutes	=	2 points
25-32 minutes	=	3 points
33-40 minutes	=	4 points
41-48 minutes	=	5 points
49-56 minutes	=	6 points
57 + minutes	=	7 points

3. ***Return the reading log worksheet on the first school day of each week.*** (This will usually be on Monday.)
4. ***Parents should supervise and sign the reading log worksheet daily*** to verify the times read.
5. ***10% or more points will be deducted*** for any of the following: incomplete reading log worksheet, inconsistent reading, reading log worksheet that shows little effort, and missing parent signatures.

To calculate your grade for this week’s reading log total the amount of points earned by the number of required reading days for that week. Remember points may be deducted for any missing items, and failure to read on a consistent basis.

Example:

Monday read 27 minutes = 3 points  
Tuesday read 52 minutes = 6 points  
Wednesday read 10 minutes = 1 point  
Thursday read 28 minutes = 3 points  
Friday didn’t read, but “caught up” on  
Saturday read 58 minutes = 7 points.

Total = 20 points

20 points --- 5 days = 4 points = A 95%

However, you forgot to get any parent signature, so 10 points are deducted, so you grade dropped from a 95% to an 85% B.

4.1 & above	A+
4.0 – 3.9	A
3.8 – 3.6	A-
3.5 – 3.3	B+
3.2 – 3.0	B
2.9 – 2.7	B-
2.6 – 2.4	C+
2.3 – 2.1	C
2.0 – 1.8	C-
1.7	D+
1.6	D
1.5	D-