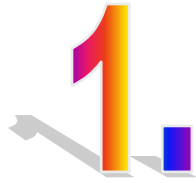# 5 Comprehension Strategies

PREDICT sentence starters:
- Based on the title, I predict this is going to be about….
- I already know these things about the topic or story …. so…
- I think the next chapter / section will be about ….
- Based on (a clue from what was read) I predict …

VISUALIZE a picture in your mind:

- When I read this, I imagine that...
- As I read, in my mind I see ..
- The movie that is playing in my head is ...
- Use your other senses as well while you read!
- Can you imagine how things the author creates, smell, taste, sound or feel?

CLARIFY hard parts when:
- You don't understand
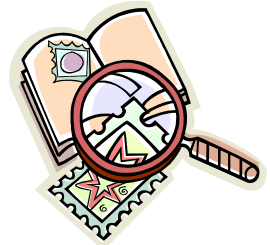- You can't follow the text

IF this happens you can:
- Backtrack, re-read and ask if it makes sense
- Skip and go on. After you read ahead, go back and see what would make sense
- Look for key clues (words or pictures) that will help you understand the word.

CLARIFY hard parts when:
- you can't read the word

IF this happens:
- Use your Reading Decoding Strategies Bookmark

How to **SUMMARIZE**:
- Look for who, what, where, when or why>
- Look for a topic sentence
- Delete unnecessary information

SUMMARIZE sentences starters:
This story / paragraph is mostly about ….
The topic sentence is ….
The author is trying to tell me ….

A SUMMARY frame:
First _____, next … and finally _____.

This story / passage about _____ begins with ..,
Discusses the idea that …. and ends with …

There are **3 Levels of QUESTIONS:**

1 **Hand Questions** (Literal)
Right There Questions:
Who did…? What happened after?
When did..? What are…? Where?

2. **Head Questions** (Inferential)
Think and Search Questions:
Explain what you mean by?
Why did ____ happen?
What kind of person was __?
How is __ like __?

3. **Heart Questions** (Evaluative)
On My Own Questions
How do you feel about__ ?
How might the author ____?
What are your reactions to __?
In your opinion ____?