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Reading strategy cards

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What is a Reading Strategy?

It is a particular way or set of ways that reader deliberately uses to understand the text.

Jacques Giasson

In other words...

A strategy is a teaching or learning path intended by a teacher or chosen by a learner to understand text.

It incorporates the pupil's experience, knowledge, skills and attitudes.

Contemporary strategies should engage learner's thinking, creativity and collaboration as well as dominate in teaching and learning process to understand the text.

Using strategies

- Active reading is essential which easens comprehension of the text and helps to memorize for much longer;
- Reading strategies are intelligent tools that "unlock" the text;
- When reading strategies are clearly introduced and learned, students are able to use them in a certain way;
- As students understand the texts better, the joy of reading increases. Reading is prefered more than during the lessons.

Why do we need to use reading cards?

• The purpose is to encourage students to choose their own self-mastering strategies which maybe helpful later in managing their own

reading process.



Text analysis step by step

Strategies and ways of learning that promote the process of comprehension should include all stages of reading:

- 1. Prereading activities;
- 2. Reading;
- 3. Post reading activities.

Pre-reading activities

- It is important to recognise child's interest in reading the text, understanding the gist and aim of reading as well as the joy and pleasure.
- The following strategies may be used: prereflecting on the topic, recalling information, foreseeing reading goals.

Reading the text

Initial reading of the text and understanding the content:

- resolution of reading;
- > use of audio equipment;
- ➤ silent reading;

- 2. Repeated reading (constant return to text) with the aim to deepen understanding and interpreting the text:
- > self-questioning;
- > finding links with one's own experience and with other texts;
- > establishing relationships between individual parts of a text;
- visualization creating images;
- > clarification of words and relationships in text (using dictionaries, internet, context);
- > understanding the meaning of the things described in the text;
- > summarizing the text, formulating the main idea.

Post-reading activities

- This activity does not only develop reading abilities, but also learner's creativity, self-creation, communication skills, etc.
- Strategies related to assessment are used to express readers' opinion about the text, using personal experience and supporting the material of the text.

International research particularly emphasize the ability to interpret and integrate ideas as well as information.

What determines the choice of reading strategies?

- 1. What will I seek as a teacher?
- 2. What does the student need to understand?
- 3. How will I help my students to understand the text?

What else does the strategic choice of the text depend on?

- on the text?
- on the situation?
- on the teacher himself?
- on a learner?
- ???

Reading Strategies. Is it enough?

In order to master different reading strategies a teacher needs to:

- have mastered the application of reading strategies in educational practice;
- use purposefully a variety of supportive materials (e.g. strategy cards, visual information in an educational setting);
- Teach your students to use a variety of reading strategies consciously and choose which strategy is appropriate in a particular situation;
- set an example and demonstrate the effectiveness of different strategies;

This methodology says: stop following and tell students - guide them, set the aims and help if they need.

Predictive Plan for Analysing an Adjective

- **Lesson 1**. While working in groups, find all features of an adjective and present them in the way you want. The assigned member of the group will present the work of the group as a whole.
- **Lesson 2**. Working with given texts: comparison of two texts (to find differences and justifications). Activities with the "keys of thinking".
- **Lesson 3.** Working with given texts: Select all adjectives and list their grammatical features in the given chart.
- **Lesson 4.** Creative work: Invent a text using adjectives (use 10 different adjectives) and give the other group to analyze those adjectives.
- **Lesson 5.** Summarizing Adjectives and Nouns: Compare the features of these parts of the speech and complete the Ven chart.
- Lesson 6. The test.

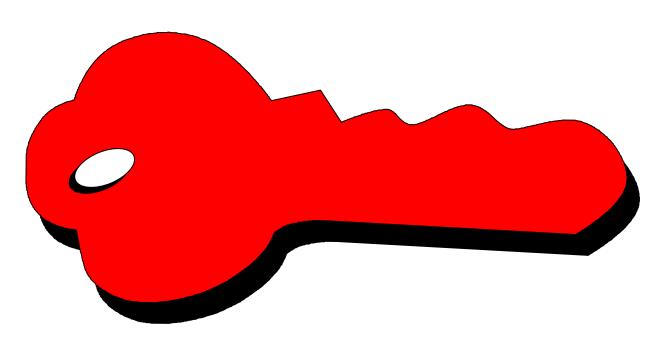
Plan of Analysing an Adjective

Lesson 1. While working in groups, find all the features of an adjective (Card 2, Card 6, Card 13, Card 21, Card 22, Card 23, Card 24) and present them in the way you want (Card 16).

The assigned member of a group will present the work of the group as a whole.

Lesson 2

Activities with the given texts:
comparison of two texts (card 21,
card 17, + card 16) find differences
be ready to justify. Activities with the
"keys of thinking".



What would happen if one day adjectives disappeared? How to say "hello" in the morning?

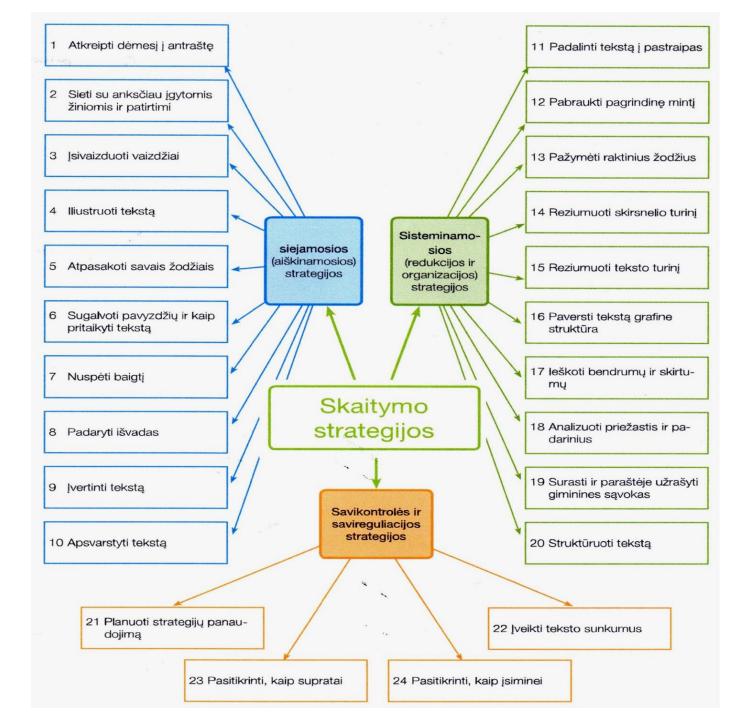
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Systematic self-monitoring and self-regulating and bridging strategies



Cards of reading strategy

















































How to apply reading strategies?

- In order for students to read fluently, they should practice from the first class.
- Initially students need to learn individual reading strategies.
- If reading exercises are conducted using collaborative learning methods, the effectiveness is greatly enhanced.
- The teacher sets the example, as reading strategies are best learned from the teacher.
- Choose contextual and meaningful tasks for students, suggest appropriate strategies, as students memorise only what they need and use, and memorise everything till the next time and forget again.

How much it takes?

- How long should we use the same strategy in order to master it?
- 4-8 weeks!

Read more about reading strategies:

https://iqesonline.lt/