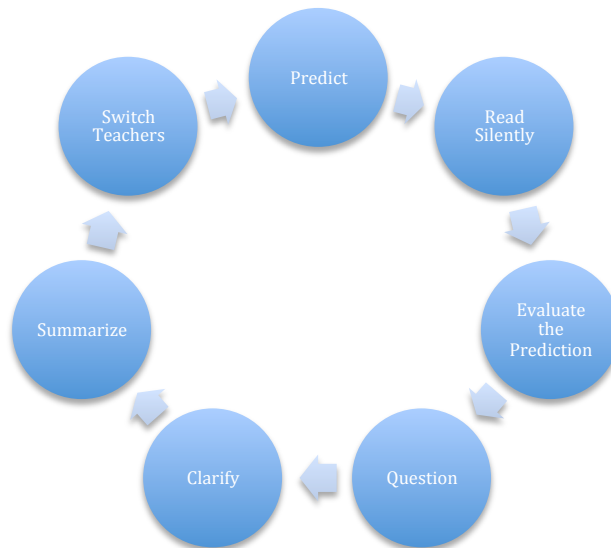


Reciprocal Teaching Reference Sheet



Teacher leads the group for the whole cycle

Prediction:

- Making educated guesses about what one will read about in a particular text
- **Focus on only the next section of the text, not the whole thing.**
- Prediction examples:
 - I predict the author will explain geothermal energy in this paragraph.
 - I think that we will learn about the efficiency of this kind of market.
 - I bet the author will explain the mothers reaction to the news.
 - I suppose the next logical thing will be to show an example of a type of ecosystem.

Question:

- Asking questions about what is being read. This step is a little more difficult than the others.
- Teach the students to focus on “how” or “why” questions if the questions are too low level.
- Question examples:
 - Who do you think the author is trying to develop with this detail?
 - What is the author’s purpose for putting this here?
 - When did this happen in relation to the other event?
 - What would be another example of this type of market?
 - Why did the author choose the word?
 - How did author build suspense in that paragraph?

Clarifying:

- Clarifying involves two steps: identifying a problem, and coming up with a strategy for solving the problem
- If you feel you understood everything, ask yourself, “What might trick a weaker reader in this section?”
- Identifying the problem starters:
 - I didn’t understand the part where...
 - This [sentence, word, paragraph, chapter] doesn’t make sense to me.
 - I can’t figure this part out...
 - I didn’t understand why this example was a monopoly...

Clarifying Strategies:

- These are the “moves you make” to try to understand a problem part of the text.
- Clarifying strategies:
 - I reread the part I didn’t understand.
 - I figured out the words meaning by looking at the other words in the sentence.
 - I read on to look for clues.
 - I went back to find the part I missed that made this part make sense.
 - I asked a partner.

Summarizing:

- Retelling the basic parts of a reading by focusing on only the most important parts.
- Summary starters:
 - The important ideas in this part are...
 - This part was about...
 - First..., Next..., Then..., Finally...
 - This part explained...