TEACHING READING STRATEGIES

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ASSESSMENT AND PRACTICE

COMPREHENSIVE READING INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Context Clues Vocabulary Strategies and Practice

Using context clues to figure out the meaning of unknown words as you read will help build your vocabulary and increase your reading comprehension. The **FP'S BAG SALE STRATEGIES** will improve your ability to use context clues.

When you come to an unknown word, first apply these steps: **FP'S BAG**.

Finish the sentence.
>*See how the word fits into the whole sentence.*

Pronounce the word out loud.
>*Sometimes hearing the word will give you a clue to meaning.*

Syllables–Examine each word part.
>*Word parts can be helpful clues to meaning.*

Before–Read the sentence before the unknown word.
>*The sentence before can hint at what the word means.*

After–Read the sentence after the unknown word.
>*The sentence after can define, explain, or provide an example of the word.*

Grammar–Determine the part of speech.
>*Pay attention to where the word is placed in the sentence, the ending of the word, and its grammatical relationship to other known words for clues to meaning.*

Next search for surrounding word clues which identify one of the **SALE** (Synonym, Antonym, Logic, Example) context clues categories. Knowing the category the unknown word belongs to will help you define the unknown word.

Synonym–Sometimes an unknown word is defined by the use of a word that is similar in meaning. *Synonyms may appear in apposition, in which case commas, dashes, or parentheses are used.*
Example: The **wardrobe**, or closet, was filled with clothes.
Often a sentence will have two clauses with one clause listing the word and the other clause defining it.
Example: Spaghetti is a **carbohydrate**, a rich source to provide energy.

Antonym–Sometimes an unknown word is defined by the use of word that is different or opposite in meaning. *Antonym clues will often use Transition Words e.g. however, not, but, in contrast, etc.*
Example: He signaled a **looey**, not a right turn.

Logic–Sometimes an unknown word is explained by the use of other words.*Your own knowledge about the content and text structure may provide clues to meaning.*
Example: He petted the **canine**, and then made her sit up and beg for a bone.

Example–Sometimes an unknown word is defined by example words or is used as part of list of similar examples. *Example clues will often use Transition Words e.g. for example.*
Example: Adventurous, **rowdy**, and crazy pioneers all found their way out West.

Put together the **FP'S BAG SALE** clues to guess the meaning of the unknown word.

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To enjoy **triting** _____ _____, you need some equipment. Good **suties** _____ _____ will support your ankles so you won't slip. Wearing polyester clothes and socks will help keep them from sticking to the skin when your body starts **moting** _____ _____. Bringing a compass and a **ying** _____ _____ of the area will help you stay on the trail and not get **jith** _____ _____. The most important thing to pack is water. Water keeps hikers hydrated, not **futed** _____ _____, and prevents heat exhaustion. Plus, mountain water is not always safe to drink.

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fod _____ _____, not my mom, does the day-to-day cooking.

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workers who live in another **stoy** _____ _____ as representatives

of their home country. Because diplomats are guests in their assigned country, often their

housing, schooling, and meals are **nated** _____ _____ for their

families. My mom didn't cook because her family always had **bunits**

_____ _____ assigned to them. And they were great chefs!

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_____ _____) asked the chef to teach my mom how to make

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