

I wonder

What the strategy is:

A good reader will ask questions about what is in the text, the subject or topic, wonder what is happening, what might have happened or make predictions about what might happen next. The wonders can be thoughts or questions; they make us question and think about what is in the text and consider why particular things are happening, this help us build an understanding of the text. A good reader will draw upon background knowledge to support with their wonders.

Using the strategy to build an understanding of the text:

- Question the actions or motives of characters/events in the text, making links to background knowledge and using this to support generating questions

Fiction example:

Reading a text called 'The Party' Why did they have a party? From background knowledge parties are a celebration - what were they celebrating? Why? Who would be at the party? What celebrations will they have at the party? Will they character enjoy the party?

Non-fiction example:

Text about the water cycle - use background knowledge of water and science topics to support generating questions about the event in the text - why did water condense? What did it evaporate? What would be needed for it to rain? Where in the clouds is water stored? How does the water change to a gas?

- Make points/wonder about the topic, events or feelings of a character.

Fiction example:

Reading a text called 'The Party' - use background knowledge to support. I know a party is a celebration, I wonder why the character seems unhappy. I think they are unhappy because when you are unhappy you don't smile and are often quiet. At parties you would usually be smiling.

Non-fiction example:

Text about the water cycle - use background knowledge to support making the wonders linking knowledge of subjects. I know that water can be a liquid or a solid - I wonder how water is held in the clouds.

Question stems to help talk and think about this strategy:

I know that _____. This make me wonder _____

What if _____?

The character is not happy and I know you would normally be happy. I wonder if _____ may have happened.

Where was _____?

Who was _____?

How did _____?