

Mastering Reading Comprehension: The Detective's Toolkit

Learning objective: To develop advanced reading comprehension skills, focusing on inference, deduction, and understanding authorial intent as per the Grade 4 ELA curriculum.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of literary techniques and comprehension strategies. Work with a partner to discuss your answers before revealing the solution.

What is an inference?

An inference is a conclusion reached on the basis of evidence and reasoning, rather than explicit information stated directly in the text.

Define 'Authorial Intent'.

The author's underlying purpose for writing a piece, such as to persuade, inform, entertain, or convey a specific emotion or message.

What is the difference between a simile and a metaphor?

A simile compares two things using 'like' or 'as', whereas a metaphor states that one thing is another to suggest a symbolic similarity.

Explain 'Connotation'.

The emotional or cultural associations that a word carries beyond its literal dictionary definition.

What is 'Personification'?

A literary device where human qualities, emotions, or actions are attributed to non-human objects, animals, or abstract ideas.

How do you identify a character's perspective?

By examining their personal beliefs, experiences, and the specific 'lens' through which they view the events of the narrative.

What is 'Emotive Language'?

Words chosen specifically to trigger an emotional response from the reader, often used to influence opinion or deepen engagement.

Define 'Syntactic Structure' in the context of reading.

The way an author arranges words and phrases to create sentences, which can affect the pace, mood, and emphasis of the writing.

What does it mean to 'deduce' meaning from a text?

To use facts and clues provided by the author to work out information that is not directly stated.

Why do authors use 'foreshadowing'?

To provide subtle hints or clues about events that will happen later in the story, building suspense or preparing the reader.

What is the primary purpose of a 'rhetorical question' in a persuasive text?

To encourage the reader to reflect on a point or to make a statement more impactful, rather than to elicit a literal answer.

How does 'tone' differ from 'mood'?

The tone is the author's attitude towards the subject, while the mood is the overall feeling or atmosphere created for the reader.