

Reading Comprehension Mastery with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To understand and define key reading comprehension techniques for Year 6 English literature and non-fiction.

Read the front of the flashcard, think about the answer, then flip to check your understanding of these comprehension strategies.

What is 'Retrieval' in a reading context?

Retrieval is the ability to find and extract specific facts or information directly from the text without needing to guess.

What does it mean to 'Infer' or make an 'Inference'?

Inference is using clues from the text and your own background knowledge to understand something that isn't explicitly stated.

What is 'Authorial Intent'?

This is the reason why an author has chosen to write a specific text, such as to persuade, inform, entertain, or describe.

Explain the term 'Evidence' when answering comprehension questions.

Evidence is a direct quote or a specific detail from the text that supports or proves your answer.

What is the purpose of a 'Summary'?

A summary is a short paragraph that captures the main points and key events of a text, leaving out unnecessary minor details.

How do you define 'Vocabulary' in reading comprehension?

Vocabulary refers to understanding the meaning of words within their context, including how specific word choices impact the reader's mood.

What is a 'Prediction' based on?

A prediction is an informed guess about what might happen next, based on evidence already provided in the text.

What does it mean to identify the 'Tone' of a passage?

Tone is the writer's attitude towards the subject, which can be identified through their choice of adjectives and sentence structure.

What are 'Cohesive Devices'?

These are words or phrases like 'however', 'furthermore', or 'consequently' that help link sentences and paragraphs together to make a text flow.

Why do we look at 'Language Features' in a text?

We look at features like metaphors, similes, or alliteration to understand how the author creates imagery and influences the reader's feelings.

When Max the Monkey solves a puzzle, he looks for 'Main Ideas'. What are these?

The main ideas are the most important thoughts or messages that the author wants the reader to understand from the text.

What is the difference between 'Fact' and 'Opinion'?

A fact can be proven true with evidence, while an opinion is a personal belief or feeling that cannot be proven.