

Mastering the Meaning: Your Reading Comprehension Toolkit

Unlock the Hidden Layers: Become a Detective of the Page!

- **Retrieval:** Always scan the text for specific facts, names, or dates. If the answer isn't explicitly written, you must search elsewhere.
- **Inference:** Read between the lines! Use the evidence provided by the writer combined with your own knowledge to work out what is happening.
- **Authorial Intent:** Think about why the writer chose a specific word. Are they trying to make you feel scared, excited, or curious?
- **Evidence:** Every point you make must be backed up by a quote or a reference from the text. Prove your ideas!
- **Context:** Look at the bigger picture. Understanding the setting and the time period helps explain why characters act the way they do.

Did you know? Did you know? Reading is like a conversation between you and the author. Even though the writer isn't in the room, they have left 'clues' in the text—like specific adjectives or character actions—that help you build a complete picture in your mind!

Key vocabulary: Inference · Retrieval · Authorial Intent · Evidence · Nuance · Context