

**Strategies to Help Me Read Stronger and Longer**

- Follow the words with my eyes, not my finger, while I read.
- Remember to read with feeling, so I hear my “read aloud” voice in my head.
- Reread parts of a story that I really like, or parts that are full of emotions.

**To Listen Well. . .**

- Let there be some quiet around what the other says
- Let the person know you understand so far, if you do
- Ask questions if you are confused
- Reflect back what the person says so he or she can hear figure out where to go next
- Invite the other to say more, or take more time, or collect more evidence
- Convey that you are sure the person is likely to grow an even better idea out of the initial one

**Ways to Figure Out an Unknown Word**

- Guess the meaning, based on experience and on how the story goes
- Read on to see if the word becomes clear later
- Check for a glossary, footnotes, or endnotes that explain the word
- See if you recognize root words, prefixes, or suffixes in it
- Check if it is a bit like a word you know in another language that would make sense
- Ask someone
- Use a dictionary or Google

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