



Comprehension | Reading Comprehension Strategies

### COM-13 Click and Clunk



Students monitor their understanding of text while reading, and follow steps to "fix" their comprehension when it breaks down.

**MATERIALS:** Books or sections of text, fix-up strategies chart, index cards, pencils/markers

- ① Create a chart with the four fix-up strategies and post it at the front of the class. Model each strategy before students use them independently.
- 2 Provide each student a "clunk log" on an index card. Review the definitions of click understanding the content of what is read. Then clunk not understanding the content of what is read. (Repeat this review the first few times the activity is taught.)
- 3 Students read a section of text, identifying clunks as they read and recording them on their clunk log.
- 4 Students apply a fix-up strategy to determine the meaning of each clunk and record the meaning on the clunk log.
- 5 Students continue the process until they've finished reading the text.
- 6 Allow students to share clunks they've been able to fix and how they determined the meaning.
- Discuss any clunks students were unable to fix.
- 8 As needed, reteach or review how to apply the fix-up strategies to determine word meanings.

#### **EXAMPLE:**

### Fix-Up #1

Reread the sentence with the clunk. Look for key words to help you understand.

### Fix-Up #2

Reread the sentence before and after the clunk to look for clues.

### Fix-Up #3

Look for a prefix or suffix in the word.

#### Fix-Up #4

Break the word apart and look for smaller words.

Clunk Log							
Clunk	Clunk Meaning						

**EXTENSION:** Students use a clunk log and fix-up strategies on a new text with a partner. After reading, students can play a game by cutting the clunks and meanings apart, then match the pieces after they're shuffled.



**PREPARATION OF MATERIALS:** Print either the small or the large "Fix-Up" cards. Small cards are provided on page 2, and large cards on pages 3-6. Print the "Clunk Log" on page 7 and provide a copy for each student in your group. Follow the activity directions.

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## Fix-Up #4

Break the word apart and look for smaller words.

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