

## Teaching Reading Strategies—5 Key Steps for Explicit Instruction

- 1. Tell me what we are going to do** - The first step is to introduce the strategy. Give a brief explanation of what the strategy is, why we want to use it, and what the steps are.
- 2. Show me how to do it**—Model what it is we want the student(s) to do. Demonstrate by talking through the steps as you do them (thinking aloud).
- 3. Help me do it**—We call this guided practice. Have the student(s) repeat the steps with you and practice with a section of text. At this point you are making sure they understand the process and will be able to do it on their own.
- 4. Let me do it**—This is often referred to as independent practice. Once the students have demonstrated that they understand how and when to apply the strategy, we let them do it. This is where the students work without your help and practice using the strategy. Independent practice does not necessarily mean that they work alone. They can work with a partner, in a group, or on their own depending on the assignment.
- 5. Check my understanding**—As students work independently, frequently check to make sure they are correctly applying the strategy. You may find that they need you to review the steps, or reteach part of the strategy so they better understand it.

Read more about it: Reading Rockets - [What Is Effective Comprehension Instruction?](#)