

# ACTIVE READING STRATEGIES - VIPERS

Understand the VOCABULARY and what it might mean or suggest

VISUALISE in our 'mind's eye' what we are reading

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INFER and INTERPRET - explore what is being suggested not just told to us  
INVESTIGATE the text by asking questions

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Make PREDICTIONS by using clues or knowledge we have picked up

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EXPLAIN in our own words what and how key ideas are presented once we have read a text

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RETRIEVE key information; find key evidence or facts

READ BACKWARDS AS WELL AS FORWARDS, to clarify

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SKIM (to get a general idea of a whole text)  
SCAN (to find specific information)

SUMMARISE (reduce something to its main points)

SYNTHESISE (combine ideas from more than one place)

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