Informational Reading Learning Progression Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 2 Grade 6 LITERAL COMPREHENSION Before I read, I use the title, Before I read, I preview the Before I read, I preview the I'm experienced enough with Before I read, I preview to see Orienting complicated texts to know the how the text(s) is organized illustrations, back blurb, text(s). I also study the table text(s). I also study the table headings, and table of of contents (if there is one), of contents (if there is one), structure and main idea of a and what challenges it will contents (if there is one) to the title, introductions, headings, introductions, complex text may be revealed present. I also think about predict what I will learn from headings and subheadings, topic sentences, text features, slowly. how *expert* it is—looking at reading this text. and illustrations. I do this to and so on. I can recognize things like the vocabulary and Before I read, I preview decide what to read and also a common structure in the the diagrams. I make a plan When asked to, I can show the the text(s). I use transition parts of the text that led to my



to predict the major subtopics I will learn about.

I also notice if this is an expository or a narrative nonfiction (biography) text to organize myself to get started learning from the text (e.g., "First I'll probably learn . . . Then I think I'll learn . . .").



text (such as chronology or cause-effect or compare and contrast). I rely on all my previewing to help me predict how the text will go, and when doing research, to decide what to read and in what order.

My previewing helps me decide how to organize my note-taking or thinking. I ask, "Will I organize what I am learning into subtopics? Cause and effect?"



words and phrases to cue me into how the text will be structured. I not only think about how the text is structured (compare-contrast, claim and supports), but also about whether this is a genre I know—a biography, a research article, an overview, or an argument. My knowledge of genre shapes my expectations.

My previewing also helps me structure my note-taking and thinking. When I anticipate learning about several subtopics and main ideas, I ready myself to synthesize information on several bigger categories. I also know I'll probably incorporate information from several texts.



for reading the text, including possibly reading something else first or alongside it.

My previewing gives me tentative ideas for what the central idea might be or the author's point of view.

My previewing also helps me plan for note-taking and thinking. I consider how much I should read before pausing to take notes.

I'm experienced enough with complicated texts to know that the structure may change across the text, that the headings may not guide my understanding, and that the bigger ideas might be revealed slowly.



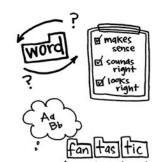
Informational Reading Learning Progression Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 LITERAL COMPREHENSION As I read, I add what I am I read narrative and expository I continue to read expository I'm flexible as a reader of As I read, I know that I need Envisioning learning from the words texts differently. As I read and narrative texts differently, nonfiction. When reading to picture what I'm learning. in the text to what I see in narrative nonfiction, I creating mental movies or narrative nonfiction, I can Depending on the text, I the illustrations. The words picture what I'm reading as images/models in my mind. make a mental movie similar might make mental movies of I read help me say more a mental movie (like when As I read, I draw on details to the way I would as a fiction characters/ subjects in scenes about different parts of the reading fiction). When I read from the text and my prior reader, drawing on details or try to picture procedures or illustrations on the page. expository text, I create knowledge to add to what from the text and my prior sequences (e.g., the process images/models in my mind I'm picturing. When reading knowledge. With expository of photosynthesis) as a series (boxes and bullets, timelines, expository texts, my mental text, I envision a combination of steps, perhaps picturing diagrams). I add on to models (boxes and bullets, of mental models to capture a flowchart, list, or diagram. these images as I get more timelines, diagrams) act as and organize what I am As the concepts I read about information. places to catch all of the new learning (outlines, boxes and become more complex, I information I am getting. bullets, diagrams). I revise and sometimes seek out extra add to these models as I get information from outside new information. sources to clarify my models of the information. Expository Tex+

Informational Reading Learning Progression Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 LITERAL COMPREHENSION Monitoring for When I'm reading a nonfiction When I can't keep the main I read, expecting the parts of I realize that in more I anticipate that nonfiction will the text to fit together in such book and I have a hard time complicated nonfiction texts, make sense, and when it stops ideas straight or figure out Sense remembering what it is about, how the information goes a way that I can understand I sometimes need to read on making a lot of sense (which I know that means I have together, I reread, stopping the main ideas. To check my with questions in my mind. I can tell because I can't retell to DO something. I usually after each chunk to review comprehension, I try to make The texts I'm reading now it, remember it, or name the reread, use the pictures and what I have read. I ask, "Is this sure that as I move from part will sometimes contain many main ideas), I DO something. I headings to help, and try to a new subtopic or does it to part, I ask, "How does that different parts, and it can take might talk to a partner, I might teach what I'm learning to add onto what I have already part fit with my overall picture work to figure out how those reread, I might outline or of the topic?" When a part parts go together. I especially someone else or myself. learned?" diagram the parts of the text. try to think about what is most feels disconnected from the I don't just read on, letting the rest of the text, I reread to see important and how the parts words flow past me. if I missed something or I read fit into that. on, carrying questions. How does Is this NEW? Does this ADD on? What's MOST

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LITERAL COMPREHENSION									
Fluency The sound of my voice	I aim to make the reading voice inside my head smooth and to sound like I'm talking (or teaching someone). Sometimes I need to reread to make my voice sound that way.	I still aim to make the reading voice inside my head help me understand the text. The new work I'm doing now is that I can do this even when I'm reading longer sentences.	When I read, the voice inside my head (or my read-aloud voice) helps me understand the text. That voice highlights the big points that are important, tucks in things that are less important, shows when things are in a list, and shifts from an explaining voice to a storytelling voice as the text requires.	As I read nonfiction aloud or in my head, I try to use my voice to add meaning to the text. I read emphasizing the big points. Perhaps I have in mind what great science and history videos sound like to guide my reading.	As I read nonfiction aloud or in my head, I try to use my voice to add meaning to the text. I have in mind what great science and history videos sound like, and I try to read like that, emphasizing the big points, using my voice to link the supporting examples within the big points.				
Punctuation and Sentence Complexity	I use punctuation as a road signal, letting me know when to pause.	I use punctuation to know when to pause. Punctuation also tells me when the sentence is a question or is especially important.	Punctuation steers my reading, but it is not something I have to think a lot about. However, when sentences are complex, the punctuation can help me figure out how to read them.	Usually punctuation just gives me subtle signals as to how to read, but when it's used in unusual ways, I ask, "How does the author probably want this to sound?" When the sentences are complicated, I adjust my voice to show that some parts of the sentence (like this part) are meant to be subordinate. How does the author want this to sound?	I pay attention to punctuation as well as words to help figure out the mood, tone, and changing pace of a piece. I notice when punctuation is used to separate, and when it is used to connect.				

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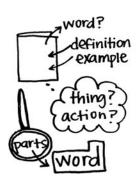
before and after, and try to think of a substitute word that means the same thing. I make sure the word I try makes sense, looks right, and sounds right before I keep reading. I read all the way across the word and use what I know about letters and sounds.



author has given a definition or an example to help me figure out the meaning.

If not, I reread to remember what that part of the text is teaching me and to figure out what kind of word it seems to be. I ask, "Is it a thing? An action?" I substitute another word and reread to see if it makes sense.

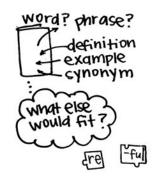
I also look inside the word, relying on what I know about prefixes and suffixes.



author has given a definition, an example, or a synonym.

If not, I reread to remember what the text is teaching me and also to figure out what kind of word it is. I try to substitute another word that is similar and reread to check that it makes sense.

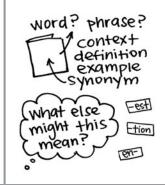
I also use what I know about prefixes and suffixes and root words to solve the word as best I can.



looking for examples, synonyms, and definitions in the text and features.

Sometimes the meaning I know doesn't work in the text. I think, "What else might this word or phrase mean?" I continue to try to substitute words or phrases that are similar and check that they make sense.

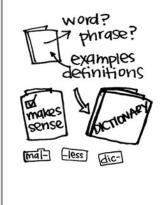
I also use what I know about prefixes, suffixes, and root words to solve the word.



examples or definitions in the text that will help me figure out the meaning.

I continue to try to substitute words or phrases that are similar and check that they make sense. If needed, I look up the meaning outside the text.

I also use all I know about root words, prefixes, and suffixes.



Informational Reading Learning Progression Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 LITERAL COMPREHENSION Building I know that learning about a As I read about a topic, I keep I know that learning about I know that learning about As before, I expect to track of the new words the a topic means learning the accumulate technical topic involves learning some a topic means learning the Vocabulary of the words that are used text is teaching me (the ones vocabulary of the topic. I know vocabulary of the topic. I vocabulary from nonfiction, by experts in that topic. I use that seem most important) there are words that represent know there are words that especially new science and those words to teach others and use them to teach others concepts (e.g., revolution, represent concepts (e.g., historical terms. As I read, about the topic. about the topic. adaptation). Those words revolution, adaptation). therefore, I keep glossaries require a lot of thinking to Those words require a lot of or notes, and I actively I recognize a whole lot of understand them. As I read, thinking to understand them. incorporate new terms into words in a snap and am always I keep learning more about As I read, I keep trying to learn my talk and writing. learning more high-frequency each concept word. I also try more about each concept words. As I continue to develop and to accumulate more technical word. I also try to accumulate deepen my vocabulary of vocabulary associated with more technical vocabulary a topic, I particularly notice the topic. I meanwhile take associated with the topic. I secondary meanings of words the risk of using this new meanwhile take the risk of and connotations of words. vocabulary to talk and write using this new vocabulary to about the topic. talk and write about the topic. technical adaptation vocabular

Informational Reading Learning Progression Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 LITERAL COMPREHENSION Main I can say the big topic a text As I read, I ask myself what the As I read, I often pause to I can figure out several I can figure out several (or part of a text) teaches me. text is mostly about. To figure important main ideas in a text, important main ideas in a text summarize as a way to hold Idea(s) and out the main idea, I see if there onto what I'm learning, saying and I'm aware that sometimes and weigh and evaluate which Supporting I can name information about is a pop-out sentence that the main idea(s) of that part those ideas thread through of those ideas seems most that topic, which I learn from Details/ captures it. I can say the main and linking it/them to related the whole text instead of significant in the text. parts of the text. Summary idea in more than just a word points. As I do this, I select being located in chunks of I am careful to include in my and am careful to name the points that are especially it. I can sort all the details summary only what the text Anima I main idea of most of the text. important to the idea. in the text and weigh their says, and none of my own Families importance so that I can also I can also choose important I can use the primary opinions, ideas or judgments. discuss important details that supporting details (or points) structure(s) in the text to best support each of the main that go with the main idea. help me grasp what it mostly ideas. teaches (e.g., if it is organized I summarize briefly, leaving MAIN as a main idea or supporting I am careful to keep my own out unimportant things. TOPIC opinion separate from the points or a claim and reasons, I can use either structure ideas presented in the text. I to help me determine also avoid mentioning minor Mothers do a importance and select details. lot to care for supporting details). their young. I am careful to keep my own opinion separate from the MAIN IDEA ideas presented in the text. SUMMARIZE!

Informational Reading Learning Progression Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 INTERPRETIVE READING Inferring I can talk and write about how I can talk and write about I can discuss relationships Not only can I discuss major Not only can I see how between things in scientific, relationships that occur different threads in a text tie information goes together in information and ideas that Within Text/ a text, such as how one event hold parts of the text together. historical, or technical texts. across a discipline-based together, but I can also track Cohesion leads to another or how doing Usually this means I talk about text, but I can also come up one thread across a text. This usually means discussing each step in a "how-to" can the relationship between with my own ideas about examples, causes, parts, I can think and come up with create a result. cause and effect or about relationships/interactions reasons, results, or kinds of a my own ideas about these the things that happened between events, ideas, and topic. relationships, even when the first and next or main ideas key concepts. I can do this author hasn't set them forth. I reach for specific and and examples. I might also even when the author hasn't I can do this in ways that link academic terms. talk about the reasons for laid out these relationships. information from separate something or the kinds of I use academic and domainparts of the text. something. ccientific specific vocabulary to do This part connects I'm careful to choose exactly Historical I use words that show this, especially terms that because ... the right terms to explain connections to do this help me to be more logical my ideas, considering both (because of, as a result, a few (nevertheless, however, in a word's dictionary meaning addition, similarly). years later, after). and its connotations. events ideac · concepts

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MAIN IDEA

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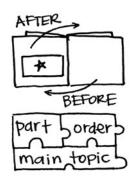
However

Informational Reading Learning Progression Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 INTERPRETIVE READING When I read several books When I read two texts (or As I read two or more texts As I read texts on a topic, I organize what I'm learning Cross Text(s) (or parts of one book) on I collect information and about a topic into subtopics parts of a text) that teach (or parts of a long text) on a Synthesis the same topic, I add what I about the same subtopic, I topic, I can collect and merge ideas by subtopic and form categories, points, or main learned from one text or part can find the information on a information and ideas from categories with my own ideas. of text onto what I learned subtopic from both texts (or both texts (or parts of a long headings. I sort what I am I can keep track of the major from the other text or part of parts of one text) and put that text) in a way that makes learning about the subtopic ideas each individual author text in no special order. information together. a new organization for the under those headings. This contributes to my overall combined information. means the organization of my understanding of the topic/ learning may not match the If there are ways to categorize issue. organization of the original the information on the I am aware that sometimes texts. subtopic, I sort information one text contradicts another. from both texts into a I am aware that sometimes When this happens, I think, category. one text contradicts another. "Which author is saying which When this happens, I think, points?" I wonder whether the This tells "Which author is saying which differences come from the MORE points?" I wonder whether the author's point of view (e.g., about. Habitats differences come from the might differences come from Food author's point of view (e.g., one being firsthand and one Parts might differences come from secondhand?). I also consider one being firsthand and one whether an author has vested secondhand?). interests that explain the differences. PERSPECTIVES?

Informational Reading Learning Progression Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 INTERPRETIVE READING Comparing and When I'm given two books or I can identify when a text When asked to compare and I can compare and contrast I can compare and contrast different texts or parts of different texts in more than pages on a topic, I can point is structured as a comparecontrast how several texts Contrasting out general ways they are the contrast. (or parts of a text) deal with texts, considering content, one way. I can consider how same and the ways they are one topic, I can talk about perspectives, and/or craft and the information overlaps, When asked to compare and different (e.g., "One has more similarities and differences structure. reinforces, or contradicts contrast the information information than the other." in the information and also across texts, as well as what that two texts (or parts of "They both talk about eating in the treatment of the perspectives authors bring. I a text) teach about a topic, habits."). topic, including the craft can also compare how authors I can point out and discuss techniques used, the focus, present their ideas and similarities and differences in SAME? and the perspective. I can also information—especially how the specific information each notice if there are different their craft and structure makes * content text presents. perspectives (e.g., is one a their meaning or message *perspectives *craftstructure primary firsthand account more powerful. and the other, a secondary AND. source?). DIFFERENT? similarities? differences? FOCUS?

PERSPECTIVE?

Informational Reading Learning Progression Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 2 Grade 6 ANALYTIC READING I can talk about the order of I can talk about how a part of I can talk about why an author When thinking about why a I am able to take even a small Analyzing a text I am reading fits with included one part of a text (a part is important to the text, the events or steps in a text. part of a text—a sentence, a Parts of I can say how a part fits into the content of the rest of the text box, a chart, an anecdote). I think not only structurally few lines, a text feature—and a Text in an order or how it says more text. I can say, "This is more on To do this, I draw on some about how the part goes with think about the role that the Relation to about the main topic. the same topic or subtopic," predictable ways that parts other parts, but I also think part plays in the whole text. the Whole or "This just turned to a new tend to be important to the about how the part advances I ask myself, "What does this I can answer the question of topic or subtopic," or "This main idea, such as a paragraph the author's main ideas/ part contribute? How is it what came before or after.

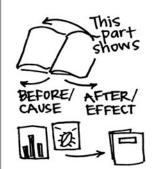


shows what happens next."

I can talk about the order of events or steps, answering questions about what comes before or after and about what caused an effect.

In texts that have text boxes, graphs, charts, and illustrations I think about the ways these parts fit with the whole.

When I write about these connections, I rely on the way the content of the part goes with the content of the whole.



may be an example of a main idea or a different perspective on that idea. Sometimes the part is important to the structure: a solution to a problem, an effect of a cause, an answer to a question.

When thinking about how one part is important in an argument, I'm aware of how an author uses reasons and details to support claims/ points.

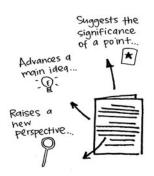


claims. I check whether the part in question illustrates an idea/claim, raises a new perspective, or shows an implication of an idea.

I can use academic terms to talk about this.

When a part of the text feels extraneous. I can talk about its relationship to the main ideas/claims (background, implications, another perspective).

When I am reading an argument, I can explain which details go with which points.



connected? Does this part engage the reader, or does it help to develop a central idea? How?" I use my knowledge of authors' techniques to talk about this.

I can also study one aspect of a text (an event, an individual) and discuss how this part of the text was introduced and developed (e.g., through anecdotes).

When I am reading an argument, I can explain which claims are most strongly supported and which details are most convincing.



Informational Reading Learning Progression Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 ANALYTIC READING I notice when the author has I know that authors of I know that authors of I know that authors of I bring my knowledge of Analyzing done something obvious informational texts make informational texts make informational texts make writing craft to my reading, Author's Craft in the text (bold words or craft decisions with readers in craft decisions with readers in craft decisions with readers in thinking not just about the graphics). mind. mind. mind. ideas in the text, but about how the author introduces I especially notice when the I can elaborate on why the I use academic language these ideas, noticing the to name these goals and author has done something author used these techniques. choices/techniques an that stands out—a repeating One way I do this is to ask, techniques, using terms author uses across a text, line, an illustration, and I think, "How would the text be like *surprising statistics* and and describing these using "Why did the author do this?" different without this?" suggests the significance of a academic language. point. I can note the craft techniques Why did I think about what tone, that have been used and can I can talk at length about mood, and effect is created by say, "The author has used (this these. I ask myself, "How authors using certain words. technique) to accomplish would the text have been duthor This means thinking about the (this goal)." For example, different had the author made do this? different meanings of a word "The author has made a different choices? Had she or the surprising uses of words comparison to help readers instead . . . , the effect would or phrases to stir up emotions grasp an idea." have been different. For in the reader. example . . ." Surprising statistics Had she instead ... then Suggests the significance of a point

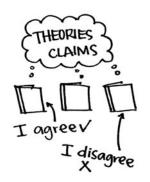
Informational Reading Learning Progression Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 ANALYTIC READING I notice who the author of a I notice if there is an obvious I can recognize if the author I can notice when two texts I am aware that the author Analyzing text is and who the subject of is writing as if he or she brings out his or her point of view in a text—like if on the same topic are written Perspective the text is (if there is one). the text is being told from the was present at an event (a from different points of view, perspective by choosing to point of view of an animal or firsthand source) or if he and notice ways in which highlight particular incidents, of a specific person. or she was not present (a the content (or the way the voices, issues, and stories. I secondhand source). I am texts are written) will be think about how this might aware that the difference in different because of those relate to the author's vested those points of view will result different points of view. I interests and roles. in differences in the accounts. think specifically about why I am also aware of multiple the narrator thinks and feels points of view in the text and as he or she does. Might the can separate them from the person's perspective come author's point of view. from life experiences, group I can also point to places in the membership, role, time text where the different points period? For example, I notice if of view and perspectives have one text is a diary in the voice led to particular word choices. of a general and another is a diary from a foot soldier, and I think about how their roles led them to want different things.

Informational Reading Learning Progression Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 2 ANALYTIC READING Critical When I read even just one When I talk or write about a I develop my own ideas about I can synthesize several texts I can synthesize several texts picture or page, I have a lot what I have read. Those ideas in ways that support ideas of text (or a text set) I not only in ways that support an Reading of ideas and questions. For summarize it, I also grow my might be about values, the idea of my own. I select the my own. I select the points Growing Ideas example, "How does that bug own ideas. For example, I world, or the book. My ideas points that do the best job from different texts that do get food?" Sometimes I think might ask a question and try are grounded in text-based of supporting my idea(s). the best job of supporting my up answers to those questions to answer it. information and ideas, and I For example, "How will this points. or find them in the book. draw on several parts of the author add to or challenge my When I am asked to apply I develop my own theories text(s). I raise questions and argument?" what I have learned to a realand claims as I research. Some larger theories about the topic world problem or situation, I I think and sometimes write of these may be debatable what. or the world. I read and reread can do so. things like "Is this always the questions. I sometimes agree with those questions in mind, case?" or "Could it be . . . ?" or disagree with authors I notice when what I'm and this leads to new insights. completely or partially. I learning doesn't match my I can apply what I have My reading helps me to don't reject a text because prior knowledge/ experience, learned and my own ideas develop my ideas. I think and an author disagrees with my and I think about what to to solve a problem, make sometimes write things like ideas, but instead let it affect make of that. an argument, or design an "Is this always the case?" or my thinking. application. "Could it be . . . ?" I am not I can apply what I have

afraid to think in new ways. How will the author ADD to OF CHALLENGE my argument? Is this always the case? Penguins are very good parents. Is this always the case ? Could it be Could it be



learned and my own ideas to solve a problem, make an argument, or design an application.



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ANALYTIC READING									
Questioning the Text	I have opinions and reactions about what I am learning.	When I disagree with an idea in a text, I still try to think about it, and I also talk back to it. I also notice if something is described positively or negatively, and I think about how it could have been described.	I think about what implications my theories and what I have learned might have for real-world situations. I can apply what I have learned. I'm aware that texts can be written to get readers to think and feel something about an issue or topic, and I can say, "I see what you want me to think/feel, but I disagree."	I consider what a text is saying about an issue, idea, or argument and whether I agree or disagree. I weigh and evaluate a text for how convincing and reliable it is. I consider who wrote the text and what the author might gain from the text. I can talk back to texts.	I question nonfiction I read, thinking especially about other texts on the topic. I weigh and evaluate how logical, convincing, and reliable a text is. I take into account who wrote the text as part of this judgment, thinking about how reliable and unbiased this author might be. I consider how this relates to issues of power.				

