

Metacognition

Tune: Mexican Hat Dance

I think I can
think about
thinking!
Do you
understand what
I said?
It's all about
metacognition –
what's going on
in my head

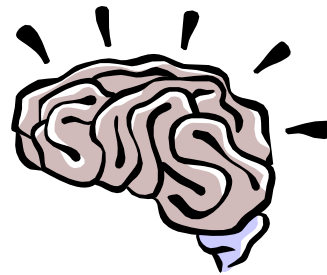


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Schema

Tune: Frere Jacques

Schema, schema
Schema, schema
What I know
Watch it grow
I can make
connections
Meaningful
connections
Text to self
Text to text
Text to world



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Determining Importance

Tune: Hickory, Dickory, Dock

I can read it all
But I can't
remember it all
I choose
what's important
and single it out
Determine
importance
That's what
it's about!



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Questioning

Tune: London Bridge

Asking questions
when I read
when I read
when I read
Asking questions
when I read
before,
during,
and after

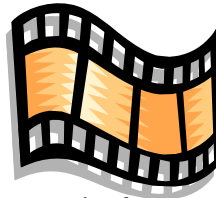


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Visualizing

Tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb

Make a picture
in your head
in your head
in your head
Make a picture
in your head
Use your senses.
Like a movie
when you read
when you read
when you read
Like a movie
when you read
A mental image.



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Inferring

Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle Little
Star

Do I infer?
The answer's "yes"
I infer when
I read text
When I infer,
it's a smart guess
When I infer,
my thinking is best
I infer what
happens next
I infer when
I read text



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Synthesizing

Tune: Three Blind Mice

Synthesize
Synthesize
Take what
you know
And see it grow
You put all your
thinking together,
you see
Your thinking is
changing
And that's the key
And this is the
queen of all strategies
Just synthesize!



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Note: Repeat the lyrics to the *Schema* song 3 times. The first time through ends with “text to self”, the second time through ends with “text to text” and the third time through ends with “text to world”. Don’t forget: The *Schema* song can be sung in a round!

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