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Stretch the sounds in order.  
Blend sounds together.  
Look for small parts I know.  
Think of a word that looks like that.  
Use what I know about spelling.  
Read groups of words together.  
Make my reading sound like talking.*

### Checking:

Ask myself,

- “Does it make sense?”
- “Does it sound right?”
- “Does it look the way I’d expect it to look?”

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- Ask questions.
- Find the main ideas.
- Remember facts and details.
- Imagine things happening.
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  - things you've heard, read about or viewed
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Ask:

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