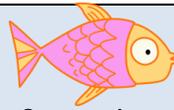




Eagle Eyes

Look carefully at the pictures and any other clues to help you work out the words.

- What are the **pictures** telling you?
- Can you **predict** what the word might be from what has already happened?
- Look at the **shape** of the word.
- Have you spotted any **repeated words** or phrases?
- Have you noticed any **patterns** or **rhyme**?



Phonics Fish

Sound out the word, blend the sounds together and remember to say the **whole word** out loud.

- Look at the **first sound** and the **picture**.
- Look at the **first sound** – what would **make sense**?
- Draw **buttons and bars**.
- **Blend** all the sounds together – have you made a **real word**?
- Can any of the letters make a **different sound**?
- If the word sounds like **nonsense**, try another strategy.



Skippy Frog

Skip the word and read to the end of the sentence. Then **hop back** and try again.

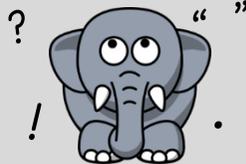
- Read the rest of the sentence carefully - what would **make sense**?
- Can you think of a word to make the sentence **sound right**?
- Does the word need to be **singular** or **plural** to make the sentence make sense?
- Is the action happening **now**, in the **past** or in the **future**



Chunky Monkey

Look for a **smaller chunk** that you know to help you read the word.

- Can you find a **smaller word** inside the word?
- Can you spot any **digraphs** or **trigraphs** that you know?
- Can you break the word into **syllables** and then **blend** them together?
- Look for **suffixes** and **prefixes** that you know.



Expressive Elephant

Look at the **punctuation** and use **expression** to read for meaning.

- Remember to **pause** at **full stops** and **commas**.
- Why has the author used an **exclamation mark**?
- What type of **voice** do you need to use?
- Look at the **speech marks** – which character is speaking?
- How is that character **feeling**?



Helpful Hippo

If you have tried all of the other strategies and you still aren't sure, get some **help**.

- Have you tried **all** of the **different** strategies?
- Have you tried putting **two strategies together**?
- Ask a **friend**.
- Use a **resource** – dictionary thesaurus etc.
- Ask a **grown up**.