

Sentence Starters for Think-Alouds and Comprehend-Alouds

Think-aloud sentence stems	Comprehend-aloud sentence stems
<p><i>Predicting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When I saw the title of this book, I immediately thought of ... • I predict ... • In the next part, I think the author ... <p><i>Clarifying</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was confused when I read ... • I had to go back to page ... • I had to think back to what I learned about ... <p><i>Summarizing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think this section is mainly about... • The most important point the author is making ... • So I think the purpose of this article is ... <p><i>Making Connections</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This paragraph reminds me of ... • The part I just read is similar to ... • When I read this section, I thought of ... • I think the author wants me to ... 	<p><i>Word or Phrase Level</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I noticed that the author uses the same word here ... • I am not sure what this word means in the first paragraph, so I will reread this section ... • I have never seen this word before. Let me see if I can figure out the meaning by reading ahead/ looking for some examples/ finding an illustration ... • The author begins the sentence with the phrase ... <p><i>Sentence or Text Level</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The author uses a very long sentence in this paragraph. Let me see if I can break it down into shorter sections such as ... • In this section, I noticed some sentences are very similar, they have a similar pattern ... • I noticed this section has a lot of dialogues and quotes, I wonder ...