

# Hendon Reading Strategies



Use **background knowledge**



Use **inference**



**Predict** and **ask questions**

As we  
read  
we...



**Tackle breakdown**  
and **repair it**



**Visualise**



**Watch out for VIP words**  
and **phrases**

# Helpful questions & phrases you can use when reading

## Use background knowledge

- Book to self
- Book to world knowledge
- Book to book
- I've heard...
- Like...



## Predict and ask questions

- Why...?
- Maybe it...
- I wonder if...?
- Will it be about...?
- Where's...?
- ... I was right
- Yes, it's a...



## Visualise

- Imagine...
- Picture a...
- Like a...
- Call to mind...
- Envision...



## Use inference

- I have noticed that...
- The clues are telling me that...
- I believe this means... because...
- So, it's about...



## Tackle breakdown and repair it

- Re-read phrases to clarify
- Look back and identify key words to get meaning
- Ask yourself what you know about tricky words



## Watch out for VIP words and phrases

- Look out for lighthouse words
- Discourse markers

