

## Cooperative Reading

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- ✓ use strategies to help myself if I get stuck
  - say a word that would make sense and keep reading
  - leave out the word and keep reading
  - reread the sentence and then keep reading
  - look for a little word in the big one
  - look at the first part of the word and guess
  - cover the prefix or suffix and see if I can work out the rest of the word
  - check the pictures or diagrams
  - sound out the word
- ✓ ask for help if I need it
- ✓ stop reading at an exciting part and make a prediction about what will happen next or see what others think might happen next (then read on to check or change my prediction)

When listening, I can:

- ✓ give my attention to the reader
- ✓ think about what I am hearing, maybe by making movies in my head
- ✓ let the reader try his or her best to solve problems on their own before offering to help
- ✓ help the reader if the reader asks for help

Some questions to ask yourself while you are reading and listening:

- ✓ What will happen next?
- ✓ Has anything like this ever happened to you?
- ✓ How do the characters feel?

In between each person's turn reading, stop to discuss what you have read so far:

- ✓ What do you think about... happening?
- ✓ Describe what (character or setting) looks like.
- ✓ How did you feel as you read this part?
- ✓ Why do you think...?
- ✓ Do you know anyone like...?
- ✓ Has this ever happened to you?

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