

Think Aloud

What

This strategy is typically paired with the Read Aloud where the teacher thinks out loud to model how to comprehend a passage.

Why

Reading is an invisible process. Thinking aloud for students demonstrates what goes on in the brain while comprehending text.

How

Before reading, identify the points that you want to Think Aloud (hint: write your Think Aloud ideas on sticky notes and flag sections of the book). As you read the passage, stop and Think Aloud about the passage. Do not interact with the students during the Think Aloud time. Different Think Aloud ideas include modeling the following:

- *Remembering* what you've read
- *Making predictions*
- *Making connections* to other text, yourself, or the world