

Visualizing

Activity: Think Aloud

Purpose: To demonstrate when, why and how you visualize while reading text.

1. Explain to students that you are going to show them how you create images in your mind when you read a text. This think aloud will take something that appears mysterious to children, *visualizing*, and make it something that they understand and think that they can do too!
2. Teacher chooses a part of a text to read aloud.
3. Begin reading. Pause to verbalize your thinking and the images that are being created in your mind. Reveal how you created the images in your mind. Explain to students how you selected rich words from the text, connected to your own personal experiences and prior knowledge and pulled phrases from the text that connect to the 5 senses to create the visual image.
4. Describe to students how creating the image helped you understand and enjoy what was happening in the text.

