

Begin New!

This notebook will help you train your brain! Reading is NOT looking at marks on a page and making sounds. Reading is communication! Your brain uses marks on a page to understand what the writer had in his/her brain.



One way to train your brain is by asking it questions. When you ask your brain questions, it has to stay awake and work! That work is called "thinking." Thinking lets your brain understand what you're reading means. It lets your brain get the message. It lets you read!

BEFORE you read an assigned book, answer the **RED "BEFORE You Read"** questions in this notebook. This is a warm-up for your brain. It helps your brain get ready to read.

Look at the words in the **GREEN "WHILE You Read"** part of your notebook. **WHILE** you read, look for those words! This helps your brain stay awake and pay attention. When you find a word, write down the number of the page where you found it. If you don't know what the word means, use content clues:

- a) look at the pictures near the word. Are there any clues?
- b) reread (read again) the sentence where you found the word and the sentences before and after the word. Do they give you any clues?
- c) check the list of possible meanings in your notebook. Draw a line to the meaning that makes the most sense.

AFTER you finish the book, answer the **BLUE "AFTER You Read"** questions. These questions check whether your brain really got the message. They make sure your brain understands what it read. Use your book to help you find the answers!

- 1) Reading is _____ what the writer had in his/her brain.
- 2) The work a brain does is called _____.
- 3) Answer the red "Before You Read" questions _____ you read the book.
- 4) While you read, you should _____ the words in the green "While You Read" part of your notebook.
- 5) If you don't know what a word means, look for clues in the _____ and reread _____.
- 6) Answer the "After You Read" questions _____ you finish the book so you can be sure your brain _____ what it read.