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Key aspects of reading

Before the reading activity, explain what reading in context is.

Reading in context refers to the practice of understanding words, phrases, or sentences within the surrounding text to grasp their intended meaning. Context provides the information, or circumstances that help clarify the significance of specific words, or expressions within a given passage, or written material. This approach to reading involves considering the broader content, including the sentences, and paragraphs preceding, and following a particular word, or phrase.

Key aspects of reading in context include:



Understanding Relationships



Interpreting Ambiguity



Identifying Tone and Style

For example, consider the word "bank"; without context, it could refer to a financial institution, the side of a river or an aircraft maneuver. The surrounding text clarifies the meaning of "bank" in a particular instance.



Grasping Nuances



Extracting Information



Extracting Information:

In technical, or informational texts, understanding the context helps readers extract the relevant information, and comprehend the author's intended message.



Grasping Nuances:

Context is crucial for understanding nuanced expressions, idioms, or culturally specific language. The overall context provides the necessary information to interpret these elements correctly.



Identifying Tone and Style:

The tone of a passage, whether formal, informal, humorous, or serious can influence the interpretation of words. Reading in context allows readers to discern the author's tone and style.



Interpreting Ambiguity:

When a word has multiple meanings, context aids in determining the intended meaning. The context helps readers choose the interpretation that fits the overall message of the text.



Understanding Relationships:

Examining how words relate to each other within a sentence, or paragraph helps to uncover their meanings. Context provides clues about whether a word is used in a literal, or figurative sense.



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