

Goal: Accuracy

Strategy: Use the Picture...Do the words and pictures match?

Definition	Using the illustrations, photos, graphs, maps, and charts to help gain meaning from text and confirm that the words being read make sense.
Why Children need this Strategy	This is one of the first stages of pre-reading. Illustrations can provide hints to help students decode a word. Using the pictures also prepares students for the Accuracy strategy of 'Cross Checking,' as well as using charts, graphs, photos, and captions when reading non-fiction texts in later years.
Secret to Success	Knowing that using the pictures within text is a viable and appropriate strategy to decode words and gain meaning, not "cheating."
How we teach it	<p>Starting the first day of school we teach the lesson, "Three Ways to Read a Book" to our youngest readers or ELL students who are not yet reading, or just beginning to read. We want to ground students with the knowledge that often times photos or illustrations are a vital part of the reading experience and can help us figure out a word or words or gain meaning from the text. We model reading the pictures.</p> <p>Beginning reading books often have just a few words on a page and the illustrations can give clear support for figuring out the words.</p> <p>Reading pictures, which includes everything from graphs, maps, charts and their captions, is a very powerful non-fiction reading strategy. Using pictures is also a strategy for more advanced students that will support those reading different curricular texts. Each time we read a book we spend time modeling how we look at pictures, maps and graphs. We talk about our thinking so they can hear our processing. We also model stopping while we read to look at the pictures to help us gain information.</p>
Trouble shooting	<p>Use the Picture is an accuracy strategy on the CAFÉ menu, but it also is a beginning Comprehension strategy, sending a clear message for our beginning readers and English Language Learners that we are always thinking about meaning when we look at any text.</p> <p>Use the Picture is required before we can ask students to try the powerful strategy of Cross Checking.</p> <p>Boushey&amp;Moser <a href="http://www.thedailycafe.com">www.thedailycafe.com</a> The CAFE Book Stenhouse.com</p>