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Active Reading SkillBuilder

Monitoring Your Reading

When you read, you should pause every few minutes to check, or **monitor**, how well you are understanding the text. The chart below lists some strategies you can use to monitor your reading. Which methods do you use most frequently?

Question	Ask questions about the events and characters.
Visualize	Picture characters, events, and settings.
Connect	Think of similarities between events in the selection and your own experience.
Predict	Predict what might happen next.
Clarify	Stop now and then for a quick review of what you understand so far.
Evaluate	Form opinions about the story.

Read the following passage from “The King of Mazy May” and use the methods for monitoring your reading. Jot down your observations on the lines below.

Aware that if he remained constantly upon the sled he would freeze to death, and knowing the practice of Arctic travelers, Walt shortened up one of the lashing thongs, and whenever he felt chilled, seized hold of it, jumped off, and ran behind till warmth was restored. Then he would climb on and rest till the process had to be repeated.

Looking back he could see the sled of his pursuers, drawn by eight dogs, rising and falling over the ice hummocks like a boat in a seaway. The Irishman and the black-bearded leader were with it, taking turns in running and riding.

Question: _____

Predict: _____

Visualize: _____

Clarify: _____

Connect: _____

Evaluate: _____