



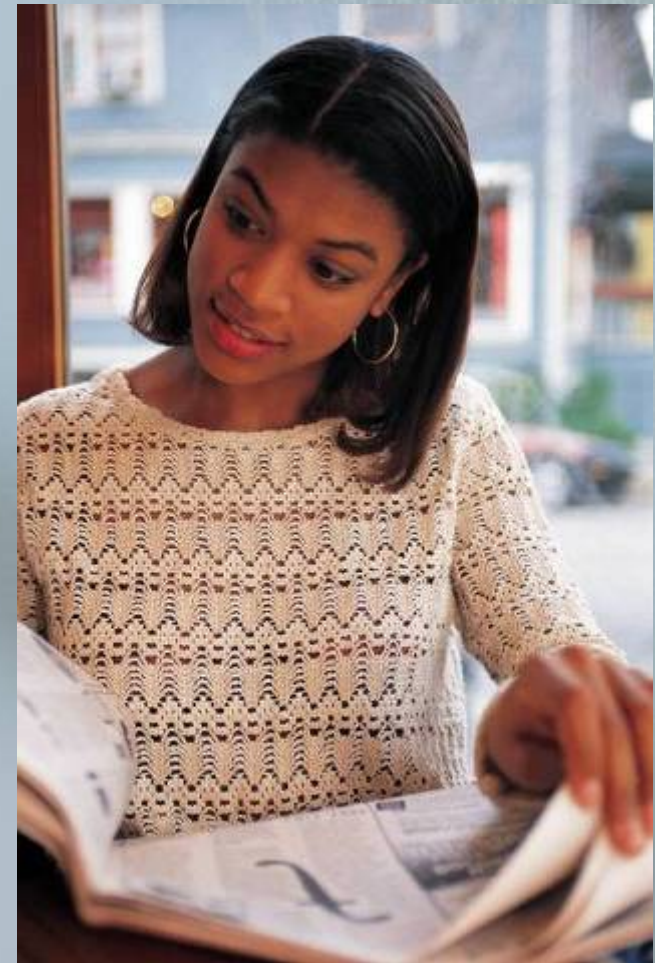
Reading Fiction

THE ACTIVE READER
Unit 1, Part 1, Grade 7

Reading Strategies

To get the most of reading fiction, keep the following strategies in mind:

- Preview
- Connect
- Question
- Predict
- Visualize
- Evaluate
- Clarify



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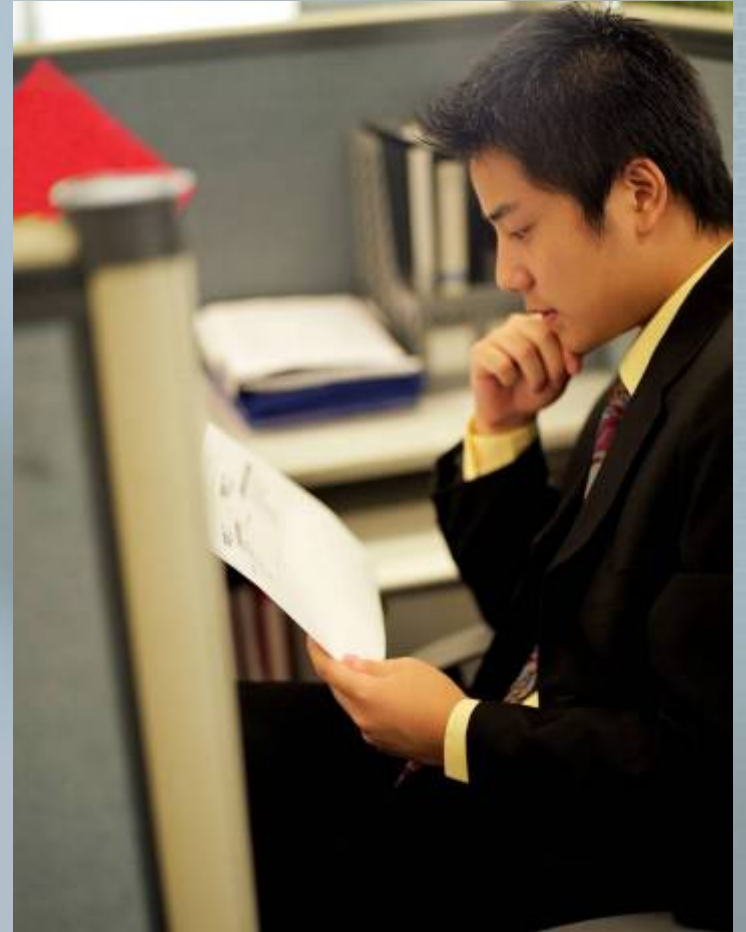
Preview

- Preview a story from the textbook.
- What do you think the story is about?
- What clues helped you guess the subject of the story?



Question

- As you read, think about . . .
 - why characters behave the way they do.
 - why certain events unfold.



Predict

- As you ask yourself questions as you read, try to predict the answers.
- To make accurate predictions, you will need to know the characters well.



Visualize

- To make a story seem more realistic, use details to create in your mind a picture of what is happening.
- Close your eyes and try to visualize the winter scene described in the passage from “A Day’s Wait.”



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Evaluate

- Your opinion of a story will often be based upon your own experience and interests.
- You should use your own knowledge and experiences to evaluate a work.



Clarify

- As you read a selection, what passages did you have to reread for clarification?



Connect

- Think about the excerpts from “A Day’s Wait.”
- With which incidents, settings, and characters did you connect, and why?
- Why do you think that finding common ground between you and the characters might help you better understand the work of fiction?