

# Vocabulary Strategies

Whenever you read, you are likely to come across words whose meaning you don't know. Successful readers have several different strategies for figuring out the meaning of words. Write down as many strategies as you can think of that you use when you come across words that you don't know.

***“I don't know this word! What can I do?”***

1. Look at picture clues
2. Look in the dictionary
3. Skip it – only if the story still makes sense
4. Ask the teacher
5. Look for clues in the story
6. Look at word parts
7. Sound it out
8. Ask a friend
9. Check the syntax of the word (How is it used? As a noun? Verb? Adjective?)
10. Guess ... then see if your guess makes sense
11. I don't know this word, what can I do?
12. Read it over again