

Active Reading Behaviors

Good readers do the following things while reading:

1. **Gather Facts:** Jot down things that are interesting and new to you

1. **Make Connections:** Relate and compare things you are reading to things that you already know.

1. **Ask Questions:** What about the reading is confusing to you? What don't you understand? How will you find the answer? Remember that there will ALWAYS be questions in an active reader's mind!

1. **Give Opinions:** Make judgments about what you are reading. Do you agree? Do you disagree? Like? Dislike? Do you support or oppose anything that you have read? Why?

Use the following sentence starters to shape your thoughts and comments while reading or participating in seminars. It is these kinds of questions that active readers regularly consider while reading.

This reminds me of...	This is similar to...	I noticed...	I'd like to know...
I wonder...	I realized...	You can relate this to...	I'm surprised that...
If I were __, I would ____	If ____ then _____	Although it seems...	I'm not sure that...