

# Seven Habits of Effective Readers

1. **Activating Prior or Background Knowledge:**  
Readers use information they already possess to relate to and understand the text.
2. **Determining Importance:**  
Readers decide what is important in the text while they read and exclude unimportant details from their processing.
3. **Asking Questions:**  
As they read, readers ask questions in their heads to clarify and focus their reading.
4. **Visualizing/Imagining:**  
Readers create images and pictures that include sensory details as they read to deepen their understanding of the text.
5. **Inferring:**  
Readers use prior knowledge and information in the text to draw conclusions, make predictions, make judgments, and form unique interpretations.
6. **Synthesizing:**  
Readers process the most important information in order to better understand what they have read and come up with new ideas about the material.
7. **Using Fix-Up Strategies:**  
Readers use different strategies to understand what they don't know in a text (e.g. context clues, reread, skip ahead).