Visualization Check Sheet for Readers

Check the moves you typically make or the moves you made in a recent think-aloud. Provide examples. Which moves do you not make but think you could? Set a goal to try one or two of these during your next reading.

___ I use sensory images like sounds, physical sensations, smells, touch, and emotions described in the story to help me picture the story.

As I read I create pictures in my mind of:

___ events and actions
___ characters and their features, clothing, etc.
___ settings and situations

___ I create images that elaborate on or embellish story details.

___ I may visualize unmentioned scenes or actions or details, e.g. picturing characters when they were younger or older, seeing a setting in greater detail than it is described, etc.

___ I may visualize myself in the scene.

___ I may imagine meeting a character, having the character enter my daily life.

___ I feel emotions and may visualize in ways that heighten these emotions.

___ I use images and experiences from own life to help me see and experience the text.