

Checklist of Strategies Students Use Before Reading

Student's Name _____ Observation Date _____

Before-Reading Strategies	Behaviors That Indicate Student Is Using Strategy	Notes
Brainstorm, Cluster, Fast-Write, Web, K-W-H-L, List	Activates prior knowledge and experiences to make them accessible during reading.	
Predict	Uses pictures, the title, and some text to support predictions.	
Skim	Reads captions, boldface headings, words, charts, and graphs to familiarize self with material.	
Question	Uses pictures, chapter headings, boldface headings and words, captions, graphs, and charts to generate meaningful questions.	
Predict Meaning Of New Vocabulary	Uses knowledge of roots, prefixes, and suffixes to predict meanings. Takes risks. Has broad word knowledge.	
Visualize	Creates mental pictures of words, concepts, and predictions.	
Set Purposes	Creates specific purposes for reading.	

Additional Comments and Notes: