

What are reading skills?

Reading is not just about being able to say and understand the words you see. Reading skills include the different ways that you are expected to respond to a text. These skills are now called 'content domains' and your teacher considers how well you can perform them when assessing your level for reading.

CD	Teacher speak	This means that you need to:		
A	Give/explain the meaning of words in context	Use different methods to work out what the text says. Explain what the word means and how it helps you understand the text.		Break the Code
B	Retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	Find and use details of information (who, what, where, when, why? etc.)		Woof Woof
C	Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph	Identify the main point in a paragraph. Explain in as few words as possible four or five paragraphs.		Cut a long story short!
D	Make inferences from the text/explain and justify with evidence from the text	Understand what the text 'suggests' but does not directly say. Deduction: this is true, the facts will be there in the text. Inference: this is your own perception or opinion.		Hmmm...
E	Predict what might happen from details stated and implied.	Use the clues in the text to work out what will happen next.		Crystal Ball
F	Identify/explain how information/narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole	Understand why a text is organised in a particular way. You need to know the structural features of different text types.		Sort it!
G	Identify/explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases	Explain why a writer chooses particular words to create an effect on you, the reader.		Shakespeare
H	Make comparisons within the text.	Compare characters, settings, events and themes in fiction. Compare structural and language features and discuss how effective they are.		Compare