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In fact, teaching your students a variety of strategies for improving their understanding of text is most effective. Here are three strategies you can walk through with your students and use to accelerate their comprehension.   1. **Monitoring comprehension** Students can learn to know when they understand what they read and when they do not. They can have strategies to improve their understanding. Instruction, even in the early grades, can help students become better at monitoring their comprehension.   **Comprehension monitoring strategies include:**  * Identify where the difficulty occurs * Identify what the difficulty is * Restate the difficult sentence or passage in their own words * Look back through the text * Look forward in the text for information that might help them to resolve the difficulty  1. **Graphic** **organizers** Graphic organizers can help students focus on text structure (such as differences between fiction and nonfiction) as they read. They provide tools to help examine and show relationships. They can also help with writing well-organized summaries.   You can get more information on these strategies and others at [readingrockets.org](http://edivate.schoolimprovement.com/e1t/c/*W5G10r1644GtGW2tFXBt8RtYZg0/*W443lTP21wGs_W4VKmQv37H0st0/5/f18dQhb0Sq5F8X-ft7W8cJcwG50RnyCW2t4BcJ2stbkyW1FSlT52P7_nXVbxYmW8pCQ6vW2ysf_r5CRkYpW96T2Ty1nxpXVW2yZ4kc2xrlQ7W25NVXQ6bdFWkW6RwHq950Cxs9W5DbfC61njNYtVXRwmn5rGpFvVC_98s20ZVl7W5T08bL1ZXVHrW2kWVK41ksGJhW1R4_lX1V5BRbW7WHnL31kGcRmW3jL1hn5Hsr_pN5G2Wvy656QcW2StQ5c6DGDBzW8tzC0C2SkDq9W3269FG22WLyBW6HBHnD6qG734W7TCl5Z1YjhndW79-1__7LRmYhW7bcVMP1z9BV-W223F8p1Djc4zW7q4GNg22-3wNW7h0Qp371dWHjW1sdVq_7F3d72W5-2rcL1sB3JwW7HFvG_1Q32DgW6_6ND61lq4mbW24c3d76pyhxxN2rVDHHClwbqW1qBwdl8yRnYbMrPpMvrJh2DW1pJfJw7Zt7ydW8pnPbk7cFCN3W1m13Gx49FShzW99L50g70DmKBW7BkvsD5cCNr1W9j6PvJ4299YJW64bgXN1WNbfFW2h6S6j4dVPV60), a national literacy initiative for helping young kids learn to read. Strategies for Before, During, and After Reading PreK–3rd Grade Students can increase their reading comprehension through a variety of activities. This video segment on Edivate  showcases classrooms in which real teachers implement various comprehension strategies (such as KWL charts, structured notes, graphic organizers, T-charts, and evidence-based summaries) before, during, and after reading.  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