

Reading Toolkit

All of these reading strategies will help you to read any text for meaning and understand it better.



Tools:

- 1) ***Predicting*** - can you tell from the title / certain words what the poem is about?
- 2) ***Skimming*** - quickly get an impression of what the poem's about. You skim for the 'gist' of the text.
- 3) ***Questioning*** - write questions - what don't you understand? What would you like to ask the speaker or the writer?
- 4) ***Scanning*** - search for key examples / poetic devices / quotations / main ideas
- 5) ***Visualising*** - draw images around the text.
- 6) ***Empathising*** - step into the shoes of the writer or character to better understand their view of the person or issue (viewpoint). Also notice the tone and mood.
- 7) ***Inferring and Deducing*** – annotate with meanings and connotations by digging deeply into the layers of meaning in the text.
- 8) ***Reading backwards and forwards*** – make connections and links within the text.