

The 5 Ps – Comprehension, Reading for Meaning



Points of view:

To what extent do you think the information you have read is reliable and correct?
What other information do you have that isn't included here?
What has interested you most? Why? What can you discard? Was there anything that made you think differently about the topic?
How do the pictures help your understanding?
Was the text easy to read? How could the text be improved to help you to understand?
Does this text make you want to read more about the subject? If yes why?



Patterns and connections:

Can you see any patterns in the way the facts are told, the way it is written, or the way the content develops?
What words do you see repeated throughout the text?
Can you see any connections with other information about the same subject that you have read / or where it relates to your own experiences?
Have you read any other texts on the same subject? How were they similar?
Where else can you look to find out more about the subject?



Puzzles:

What do you find difficult or puzzling about the text?
How much do you understand and can you explain the content to someone else in your own words?
Does the text make sense, is it factual or giving an opinion?
How does it make you feel and do you want to find out more?



Possibilities:

Can you suggest any possible answers to the puzzles you have identified?
What can you do to find out exactly what the text is telling you to make sure you can understand?
What do you think the writer liked most about what he/she has written?
How would you build on what has already been written here?
What can you write that will add to what you have read here that will help your understanding?



Predictions:

What else do you need to find out in order to add to the facts you already have?
What other books are available on the same topic?
What other topics has the author written that you could also look at?
How would you keep your readers interest if you wrote a book about this subject?
Why is it a good idea to read several books or extracts of books on the same subject?