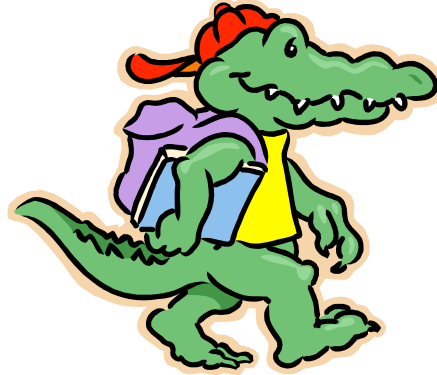


# Comprehension

WebQuest for Preservice Teachers  
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## Introduction

Many people think that teaching literacy should focus only on word accuracy and fluency, but many students struggle with comprehension. Many teachers only assess comprehension instead of teach it. As Preservice teachers we should learn how to teach comprehension strategies to children, not just assess it.

## The Task

Your task is to explore the websites below and identify comprehension strategies that successful readers use. After identifying these strategies and ways to teach these strategies, you will create a mini lesson plan (15-minutes) on how to teach **one** of these strategies using a story provided below.

## The Process

- ✓ Search through these websites  
<http://www.marin.cc.ca.us/~don/Study/7read.html>  
How to improve reading  
<http://k-6educators.about.com/library/weekly/aa030401a.htm?once=true&>  
A New Way to Teach Reading Comprehension  
[http://www.indiana.edu/~eric\\_rec/ieo/digests/d61.html](http://www.indiana.edu/~eric_rec/ieo/digests/d61.html)  
Increasing comprehension by activating prior knowledge  
[http://www.illinoisreads.com/htmls/kit\\_prin\\_comprehension.html](http://www.illinoisreads.com/htmls/kit_prin_comprehension.html)  
Comprehension Strategies  
[http://www.readingonline.org/electronic/elec\\_index.asp?HREF=/electronic/webwatch/comprehension/index.html](http://www.readingonline.org/electronic/elec_index.asp?HREF=/electronic/webwatch/comprehension/index.html)  
Comprehension Resources (Electronic Classroom)  
<http://livingintahoe.com/bl/comp.htm>

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- ✓ You can also look through these resources:
  - Promoting Reading Comprehension, Content Learning, and English Acquisition Through Collaborative Strategic Reading (CSR)*, The Reading Teacher, vol. 52, no. 7 April 1999, p. 738-747
  - Supporting a Strategic Stance in the Classroom: a Comprehension Framework for Helping Teachers Help Students to be Strategic*, The Reading Teacher, vol. 52, no.7 April 1999, p. 672-681
  - Teaching Ideas: Comprehension Through Characterization: Enabling Readers to Make Personal Connections With Literature*, The Reading Teacher, vol.55, no.5 February 2002, p. 431-433
- ✓ Identify comprehension strategies and ways to teach them
- ✓ Read the poem on the following website:  
[http://www.columbia.edu/~jhr18/humor/college\\_twas\\_christmas.html](http://www.columbia.edu/~jhr18/humor/college_twas_christmas.html)
- ✓ Choose one strategy and write a mini-lesson plan for that strategy using the above poem.

## Evaluation

The lesson plan must be typed and include all the important parts of a lesson plan. You will be assessed on the content and clarity of your lesson plan. We will also be looking at your professionalism. ☺

## Conclusion

# Congratulations



You are well on your way to successfully teaching children how to comprehend what they read. Remember: don't just assess comprehension; teach it!!