



Wt: Skills Card

Reader: _____ Room: _____

Vocabulary

Find a word you don't know and would like to learn. Use the context to figure out what it probably means. Think of a word or phrase that could take its place in the book without changing the meaning. Check the meaning in a dictionary. Use the word in a sentence. Learn it.

Comprehension

Provide specific information from the text for each of your answers.

Literature

1. Describe the setting (time and place) and compare it to other stories .
2. Describe the characters and how their traits influence the unfolding of events in the story.
3. Retell the key events of the plot in chronological sequence.
4. Identify the narrator. Is the story told in 1st or 3rd person?
5. Describe the central problem and explain how it is resolved.
6. What is the central message, lesson, or moral? How did the author convey it?
7. How is your point of view on the theme or conflict different or the same as the narrator's or the characters'?
8. Find an example of figurative language and explain what it means.

Informational Text

9. What is the main idea and how do you know?
10. What key facts or ideas support the main idea?
11. Does the author state any opinions? What is the author's point of view? How do you know? How is yours different?
12. What questions would you ask the author?
13. Show how you can use text features to locate information in the text.
14. Explain how the author organizes the information (time sequence, steps in a procedure, pro/con compare/contrast, cause/effect).

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

1. Finish a chapter book every week.
2. Read an hour a day, including 30 minutes at home.
3. Read something you like from each of these genres:
 - Traditional tales (fables, folktales, myths)
 - Poetry and drama
 - Contemporary fiction and other stories
 - Informational text (science, history/social studies)



Wt: Academic Vocabulary

Be able to define and give examples of the following:

Literature

fiction	legend	theme	narrator
genre	drama	moral	point of view
traditional tale	scene	central message	1st person
folktale	dialogue	author's purpose	3rd person
culture	setting	conflict	character
myth	plot	resolution	poetry
fairy tale	sequence of events	connections	stanza
fable	chronological order	similar	rhythm

Informational Text

nonfiction	text features	graphic features	text summary
history	index	visual organizers	main topic
social studies	table of contents	timeline	main idea
science	glossary	diagram	key details
text	introduction	chart	support
fact vs. opinion	conclusion	graph	evidence

Language

literary vocabulary	phrase	prefix	unfamiliar
everyday speech	paragraph	suffix	substitute
multiple meanings	context clues	root	fluency
literal vs. nonliteral	context	closed syllable	rate
technical vocabulary	synonym	open syllable	expression
subject area	antonym	punctuation	oral reading

Use prefixes and suffixes to figure out the meaning of words.

Prefixes	un-	re-	mis-	dis-	non-	over-	under-	im-, in-, il-, ir-
Suffixes	-able	-tion -sion	-en	-like	-ant -ent	-ment	-less	-ful