



132 Strategies for Teaching Reading

1. Make time to read.
2. Find a cool place to read.
3. Get cool things to read.
4. Get different types of items to read (books, magazines, menus, cereal boxes, etc.).
5. Freedom of choice (allow kids to select what they want to read).
6. Read aloud.
7. Be read aloud to.
8. Use context cues.
9. Teacher book talks (the salesperson technique)
10. Discuss readings with friends (literature circles).
11. Read in stereo (partner read).
12. Popcorn read, without the stress.
13. Picture read.
14. Repeat readings.
15. Find stories with characters who have names of your students.
16. Read easy books.
17. Facilitate cross-curricular themes.
18. Read tough books.
19. Read ghost stories with a flashlight.
20. *Read to a stuffed animal.*
21. Read with funny voices.
22. Make sounds for different characters when a story is read aloud.
23. Ask students to guess the ending.
24. *Ask students to write the sequel.*
25. Allow students to perform as different characters.
26. Dictate stories.
27. crosswords
28. Ask students to write their own books.
29. Create classroom big books.
30. Ask students to guess what story is about based on title and cover.
31. Use Big Books and follow text with finger.
32. No book reports or tests. Lots of questions.

I know, I know. My workshop is entitled "75 Reading Strategies in 75 Minutes." Well, there are a plethora of ways to teach reading (I will try to only list interesting ways, as many boring methods have been endorsed by standardized, adopted reading programs). My suggestions are research-based, classroom-tested and teacher-approved.

As much as I'd like you to attend my workshop, I realize that many of you want to attend other exciting SDE workshops scheduled at the same time as my presentation. Here is an idea of what we talk about, and those who attend will be rewarded with detailed explanations of specific strategies that I find work best. – DB ☺

33. *Reward students with reading time.*
34. Create an awesome classroom library.
35. Read while students read.
36. Take students to the public library and make sure they all get library cards.
37. Ask parents to turn-on closed captioning on their televisions.
38. Scavenger Hunts!
39. Ask students to brainstorm as many things that they can think of that require reading. Whoever can think of the most gets a free book.
40. class labels
41. Call your local newspaper and ask for classroom editions so all students have newspapers to take home.
42. Song lyrics
43. Rain gutter bookshelves.
44. *Celebrity readers.*
45. got computers?

46. *Get students on junk mail lists.*
47. Ask students to write silly questions that they can put into a hat. As an end-of-day incentive, teacher or student draws a question and answers questions as wisely as possible.
48. Book baskets readily available at student desks so they can read when they finish activities early.
49. Environmental print
50. *Allow students to create their own sniglets*
51. analogies
52. idioms
53. Follow instructions/recipes
54. Teach clues (e.g. initial/final sound, rhymes with, look at picture)
55. Context cues
56. K-W-L Plus
57. Dictionaries
58. Mad Libs
59. Concentration
60. Hang-person
61. Scrabble-grams
62. Cliff drawings (sequence of events)
63. Coded messages
64. Speed reading for informational texts (headings, subheadings, highlighted words, chapter summaries)
65. Nursery rhymes/fairy tales
66. Find stories about your students' culture, environment, etc.
67. Author invitations (Hot Seat)
68. Favorite book character dress-up day
69. Readers' Theatre
70. Guided Reading
71. Word jumbles
72. Shared Reading/Choral Reading
73. Songs and Chants
74. lots of different types of poems
75. Revisit, reflect, retell
76. Role play
77. Books on tape/listening centers
78. Book Buddies (reading volunteers)
79. Leap Frog
80. Reciprocal teaching (summarize, question, clarify, predict)
81. jokes & riddles
82. Venn diagrams
83. Comic books
84. Semantic webs/maps
85. Compare and contrast characters, stories, etc.
86. Keep a journal about what you're reading (learning log).
87. Share letters/messages/notes
88. Have students create book covers and bookmarks to promote books.
89. Student-made word cards.
90. Word walls (with words)
91. Morphemic analysis (create words with affixes and roots)
92. Class check-out system with student librarians
93. Bingo! (with words, characters, stories, etc.)
94. Sentence construction zone (pocket charts)
95. Magnetic letters, silly puddy, etc. (don't forget your kinesthetic learners)
96. Puppets/stuffed animals
97. Morning meeting/announcements
98. pen pals
99. Charades
100. diaramas
101. Pattern books
102. Student-created alphabet cards with pictures & realia
103. Classroom newsletters/cards/invitations
104. Ask students to create math word problems.
105. Classroom responsibilities (have students monitor attendance, group points, etc.).
106. Grocery lists/day planners
107. Student-created directions (e.g. "Treasure" maps)
108. Find words that (e.g. start with "j," have two syllables, rhyme with "can", etc.
109. Total physical response (e.g. clap the number of syllables in pumpkin, etc.)
110. word finds
111. Class-generated list of why they like to read
112. *Slug Bug, and other games from the car*
113. word wheels (e.g. letters of alphabet + word endings like "-an")
114. chapter books
115. student-created plays (e.g. ghost stories, folk tales, legends, etc.)
116. Show-and-Tell

