

## How Do You Know That You Understand What You're Reading?

- √ You understand the vocabulary
- √ The picture in the text match what you're thinking
  - √ You know the main idea of the text
- √ You can summarize what's happening in the book
  - √ You can connect with the text
- √ You can picture the story in your mind, like a movie
  - √ You empathize with the characters
    - √ Feels like you're in the book
- √ You enjoy it and don't want to stop reading
  - √ You're reading is smooth and fluent
  - √ You can write about what you read
- √ If it's a series, you recognize words and characters
  - √ You're focused and quiet

## How Do You Know That You DO NOT Understand What You're Reading?

- √ You don't understand the words
  - √ You can't get into the text
- √ You don't remember the characters
- √ You can't remember or retell parts of the book
- √ A character shows up that you don't recognize
  - √ You reading isn't fluent
- √ You don't know what the main idea is
- √ You get lost and you can't explain what happened
- √ You can't picture it in your head – the movie isn't working!
- √ You are just reading the words on the page even though you don't understand, just to finish the book
  - √ You can't summarize what you read
- √ You've been reading for a long time but you have no idea what you read
  - √ You are asking a lot of questions that you can't answer