

## **WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW A WORD:**

- 1.) Ask yourself...
  - “Did that make sense?”
  - “Does it sound right?”
  - “Does it look right?”
  - “What sound/letter does it start with?”
- 2.) Look at the pictures.
- 3.) Think of another word that might fit that makes sense.
- 4.) Take a closer look at the word
- 5.) Does the word remind you of a word you know?
- 6.) Does the word have a smaller word inside of it that you know?
- 7.) Read the word again.

## **MAKING SENSE DURING & AFTER READING:**

- 1.) Ask yourself what is happening while you are reading the story-- try to put it into your own words.
- 2.) Try to relate to things happening in the story. Does this story remind you of any others? Has the situation in the story happened to you or someone you know? How does the situation in the story affect people in your city/state/country or the world?
- 3.) How did the situation in the story happen? What would you do differently? How are you like/unlike the main character? How would you change the ending of the story? Is there a lesson to be learned in the story? What is the main idea of the chapter? Why do you think the author wrote the story?