



Module 8: Comprehension Evidence and Strategies

Time: 60-75 Minutes

Materials (adjust as needed):

Module 8 PowerPoint

Advance organizer for taking notes

Skill areas chart handout for Comprehension

Computer and LCD Projector

This module makes reference to the Yellow and Green books from the NRP

Outline (Note: the PPT will guide you through the module):

1. Introduction
2. Activity: A Scientific Experiment
 - Participants will read the slide, “A Scientific Experiment”
 - Participants will answer questions on the next slide followed by a discussion
3. What is comprehension? (slides 6-12)
 - What is Comprehension? (share with group)
 - Activity: Quick Write (1 minute)
 - i. In one minute, write what good readers do?
 - ii. Share slide, What Good Readers Do
 - Share Best Practices slides
 - i. Facilitate and clarify practices
 - Share Importance of Strategies slide
 - Share Effective Skills to Improve Comprehension slide
4. Going in Depth on the Skill Areas
 - Background Knowledge
 - Text Structure
 - Retelling / Recalling
 - Summarizing / Literal Comprehension
 - Cognitive Monitoring / Metacognition
 - Inferencing
5. Conclusions (slides 37-39)

Notes:

It is recommended that this module be taught after modules 1 and 2 with module 3 as optional. The comprehension module works particularly well as a culmination of the 5 component modules (4-8).

During the in-depth sections, we suggest that you enhance the skill descriptions with brief hands-on examples. This helps participants to make the ideas immediately useful in instruction.