

# Think Aloud Model

**Definition and Purpose:** A Think Aloud is an instructional method used by the teacher to verbalize his/her thinking while reading a selection of text orally. The teacher models the use of various comprehension strategies and how they help in comprehending the text. Think Alouds are an effective way to make thinking “visible” for students by a proficient reader.

## **Guidelines for Think Alouds:**

- Select a text appropriate for the comprehension strategies you want to model.
- Preview text to locate possible places to think aloud.
- Plan and jot down specific questions/prompts you will model.
- Be precise about the purpose of thinking aloud.
- Be clear when you are thinking aloud vs. reading aloud.
- Provide opportunities for students to practice using the modeled strategy when reading other texts.