

# Reading Activities to encourage thinking

A text can be a picture book, novel, magazine, clip, movie, song, photo, non-fiction books, website.

## **Visualisation-**

Students listen to a text and draw what they can see in their minds. Encourage them to think of themselves as the illustrator for the text, what can they see in their mind? What do they imagine?

## **Making connections-**

Making a connection to themselves when reading means stopping and thinking about an experience they have had in their own life. What does the text remind them of that they have seen, done or heard?

## **Predicting-**

We make predictions before, during and after reading. Look at the cover of a picture book and ask your child to predict (ie. Guess) what the book will be about, what will happen? Begin reading the text and pause at different points to ask them to make another prediction about what is about to happen.

## **Asking questions-**

Discuss what a question is. We ask questions before, during and after reading or viewing a text. Look at the cover, and ask your child what questions they have? What are they wondering? Allow them to ask questions during reading about events or characters, or words they do not understand. After reading ask them if they have any more questions, maybe even questions for the author or directed at one of the characters.

