Dr. Goodreader's Diagnosis Chart

Does this make sense?

Yes

Keep reading

No

Did I get distracted or let my mind wander??

Yes

No

Did I clunk on a word?

Yes

Check to see if I made a word substitution.

Read the word out loud

No

Did I clunk on a sentence?

Yes

Reread

Read out loud

Pay attention to the punctuation. Think how my voice changes with ??!!.

No

Did I clunk on a paragraph, page or chapter?

Yes

Reread

Study the picture for clues

Think about what I know about the topic already.

Think about what I know about the series, author or text features.

No

Think about what I know about the series, author or text features.

Build background knowledge

Am I making the movie in my mind?

Do I need to make an inference?

Do I have enough background knowledge to understand this text?

Can my story sense help?

If this happens so much that my book doesn’t make sense, abandon it for now.

No

Substitute another word that would make sense and keep reading.

Did I clunk on a paragraph, page or chapter?

Reread

Retell what has happened in the text so far.

Take a guess and check by reading ahead.

Do I have enough background knowledge to understand this text?

Think about what I know about the series, author or text features.

Build background knowledge

Am I making the movie in my mind?

Do I need to make an inference?

Can my story sense help?