

# Boosting Comprehension With Collaborative Strategic Reading

Collaborative strategic reading (CSR) is a comprehension strategy that involves students working together to read and discuss a text. CSR can be used to improve students' understanding of the text, their vocabulary, and their critical thinking skills. It can also help students to develop their social skills and their ability to work collaboratively.

CSR is typically implemented in four phases:



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1. **Preparation:** In this phase, students preview the text and set purposes for reading. They also identify any unfamiliar words or concepts.
2. **Reading:** In this phase, students read the text in small groups. They stop periodically to discuss the text and to check their understanding.

3. **Discussion:** In this phase, students discuss the text as a whole group. They share their understanding of the text and they answer questions about the text.
4. **Extension:** In this phase, students extend their learning by completing activities that are related to the text. These activities may include writing a summary of the text, creating a poster about the text, or writing a letter to the author of the text.

CSR can be used with any type of text, but it is particularly effective with expository texts. Expository texts are texts that explain or inform the reader about a particular topic. CSR can help students to understand the structure of expository texts and to identify the main ideas and supporting details in the text.

CSR is a powerful comprehension strategy that can help students to improve their understanding of text, their vocabulary, their critical thinking skills, their social skills, and their ability to work collaboratively. It is a strategy that can be used with any type of text, but it is particularly effective with expository texts.

## **Benefits of CSR**

There are many benefits to using CSR in the classroom. Some of the benefits include:

- **Improved comprehension:** CSR can help students to improve their understanding of text by providing them with opportunities to discuss the text and to check their understanding.

- **Increased vocabulary:** CSR can help students to increase their vocabulary by exposing them to new words and by giving them opportunities to use new words in context.
- **Enhanced critical thinking skills:** CSR can help students to develop their critical thinking skills by encouraging them to think about the text in different ways and to evaluate the author's arguments.
- **Improved social skills:** CSR can help students to develop their social skills by providing them with opportunities to work with others and to share their ideas.
- **Increased ability to work collaboratively:** CSR can help students to develop their ability to work collaboratively by teaching them how to work together effectively.

## **How to implement CSR in the classroom**

CSR can be implemented in the classroom in a variety of ways. One way to implement CSR is to divide students into small groups of three or four students. Each group should be given a copy of the text that they will be reading. The students in each group should then take turns reading the text aloud. As they read, they should stop periodically to discuss the text and to check their understanding. After they have finished reading the text, the students in each group should discuss the text as a whole group. They should share their understanding of the text and they should answer questions about the text.

Another way to implement CSR is to use a jigsaw activity. In a jigsaw activity, the teacher divides the text into several sections. Each group of students is then assigned one section of the text to read. The students in each group should read their section of the text and then meet with

students from other groups who have read different sections of the text. The students should then share what they have learned about their section of the text with the other students in their group. After all of the students have had a chance to share what they have learned, the students in each group should discuss the text as a whole group. They should share their understanding of the text and they should answer questions about the text.

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## Resources

Here are some resources that you can use to learn more about CSR:

- Collaborative Strategic Reading (CSR)
- Using Collaborative Strategic Reading to Boost Comprehension
- Collaborative Strategic Reading (CSR)



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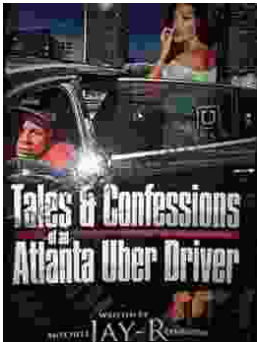
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