

Probable Passage

This is an excellent pre-reading strategy that helps students focus on the characters, setting, conflict, resolution, and vocabulary of the story before they read it.

- Choose a list of 8 to 14 key words from the reading and present them to the students on the overhead. (some words have an obvious connection, some can encourage disagreement, unknown words that can be figured out in the reading)
- Working in small cooperative groups the students have to put the words into the boxes on the probable passage worksheet.
- After grouping the words in categories the students must then formulate a "gist statement."
- Lastly students need to generate a list of things they want to discover about the reading.
- After the groups have completed the probably passage worksheet in their groups you can record their responses on an overhead transparency. Read the passage after this.
- After the reading return to your "to discover" questions to see which you can answer.
- Look to see if you know the meaning of words listed previously as unknown.

Title of selection _____

Characters

Setting

Problem

Gist Statement.....

Outcomes

Unknown Words

To Discover....

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.