

Before, During, and After Listening

Before

You will listen to the audio podcast of a story. Here are some strategies to help you better understand the story.

1. *Predicting*: These strategies help you organize what you will wait for in the story. First, you will make predictions about what will happen. You know the title and the name of the author.

What do you think this story will be about?

What genre do you think this story will use?

My Predictions:

2. *Asking questions*: Asking questions before you listen to the story will help you listen carefully to find details. Because this is a mystery story you can ask yourself questions about the following story elements: the setting, the detective, the victim, the crime or mystery, the clues, and the solution.

My Questions:

3. *Making connections*: Make connections to the story such as:
 - Think about a mysterious letter/email/text-message you received. How does the experience in the story relate to yours?
 - Think about books or movies about letters. Does this story remind you of another story you know from television, movies, or a book?
 - Does this story make you think of anything that is happening in the world right now?

My Connections:

Feel free to use the back of this sheet to take notes.

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During

1. *Making connections*: While you listen to the story, continue making connections with your own experiences or stories you have read or seen (e.g., movies, television, news).

My Connections:

2. *Visualizing*: Make pictures in your head about what is happening
 - Think about the questions you wrote about setting, detective, mystery, victim, clues, and solution.
 - Do a Quick Draw or Quick Write on the back of this sheet while you are listening.

3. *Knowing how words work*: Jot down any words you don't know as you listen.

Words I'm not sure about...

4. *Monitoring*: As you listen, make sure the story makes sense. Follow the sequence of the story by jotting down notes or creating a story map while you listen.

Notes or Story map:

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After

1. What helped you understand the story?
2. What connections did you make to other stories or personal events that helped you understand the story?
3. How did you decode or understand unfamiliar words from the story?
4. How did you organize your Quick Writes and Quick Draws to help you remember key parts of the story?