

# CHATT Reading Strategy

## A During and After Reading Strategy

### Purpose of teaching CHATT:

CHATT encourages students to actively engage with text and to interact with the reading material. Students code the text and then transfer the information to a summary sheet, thereby creating study notes. The *Summary* provides the opportunity for the teacher to give key information and connect new information with previously learned information if necessary.

### Explicitly teaching CHATT:

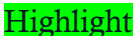
#### Step 1


Demonstrate how to read and code a paragraph or page of text i.e. select important vocabulary, highlight main ideas and identify details. Then demonstrate how to transfer the key terms, write a definition (with a picture) and record the main points with supporting details to a 'CHATT Sheet'. Finally, provide a summary statement.

#### Step 2

Students read a paragraph of text and apply the CHATT marks to the selected text and transfer the information to the CHATT sheet. The students can create their own summary, the teacher can then add to this summary or the teacher can provide the summary which students record on the sheet. Students turn to the person beside them and they teach each other using the CHATT sheet.

**C = Circle**   
Circle Keywords.

**H = Highlight**   
Highlight or underline main ideas.

**A = Asterisk**   
Put an asterisk\* beside important supporting detail.

**T = Transfer**   
Transfer or write the main ideas and concepts onto the CHATT sheet.

**T = Tell (and Teach)**

#### Step 3

Have students practice the CHATT strategy with text of varying lengths and continue to support students until they can apply the strategy independently.

# CHATT with Text!

As you read a page or section of your textbook use CHATT to help you find and remember all the important pieces of information.

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**T = Tell**

Tell and teach your summary.



# CHATT Sheet

Topic:

Pages:

Use the CHATT Sheet to help you find and remember important words and information in your textbook. You can also use the sheet for revision.

Keywords :

The meaning in your Own Words:

The Words in Pictures :

Main Idea :

Important

Detail

A Summary

# CHATT Sheet

Use the CHATT Sheet to help you find and remember important information in your textbook. Keep the sheet for revision.

**Topic:**

Keywords:

Definition in own words:

Words in pictures:

**Main Idea:**

**Supporting Detail:**

**Your Summary:**

# CHATT Sheet

Use the CHATT Sheet to help you find and remember the important information in your textbook. You can also use the sheet for revision.

**Name:**

**Topic:**

**Pages:**

**Keywords:**

**Keywords in  
pictures:**

**Definition** (own words):

**Main Idea:**

**Supporting Detail:**

**Summary**

