Develop Reading Skills with Questions

What are the skills/strategies of reading comprehension that I should emphasize in ongoing instruction so that test preparation is “built into” learning my subject?

This list includes major skills of reading comprehension tested by ISAT.

*Be sure that students read a range of materials, including newspaper articles, poems, and non-fiction texts.*

- Infer the meaning of a word from context
- Identify the traits of a character or person—*stated literally*
- Infer the traits of a character or person—*based on an interpretation of the text*
- Identify the motive of a character or person—*stated literally*
- Infer the motive of a character or person—*based on an interpretation of the text*
- Identify facts about a situation—*stated literally*
- Infer relationships—*based on an interpretation of the text*
- Infer predictions—*based on an interpretation of the text*
- Infer prior actions—*based on an interpretation of the text*
- Identify the structure of a text (how the text is organized)
- Summarize information
- Identify the main idea
- Evaluate information to support or reject an idea
- Infer the writer’s point of view—*based on an interpretation of the text*
- Infer the writer’s reasons—*why the author uses words and phrases*
- Interpret non-literal language—*metaphors, similes, symbols*