

# "Sentence Visualization"

## (Vocabulary)

### Why?

- This is a basic technique to improve reading comprehension
- To improve the students' ability to comprehend text by learning to create "mind pictures" from the material that is being read.
- This strategy is successful with groups and with individual students.

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- Gather materials: sticky notes, paper, and pencils.
- Choose a passage that deals with concrete, easily described situations and events. Read one sentence at a time and model orally the creation of a mind picture to represent the sentence.
- Draw the picture to represent the sentence. Tell students that they may want to use a key word along with the drawing.
- Practice sequencing four or five of these sentences and their accompanying pictures to help comprehend a story.
- After the student is successful, have him or her generalize a main idea from the paragraph. Write the generalization on a sticky note. Place one or two sticky notes on each page so that the passage can be reviewed as needed.