

Break It Down –strategy for cooperative reading

STEP 1: Read one paragraph aloud.

STEP 2: STOP and TALK about difficult words in the paragraph.

What does _____ mean?

I think _____ means _____.

For example, _____.

The dictionary says _____ means _____.

What does this sentence mean?

I think the sentence means _____.

I think the author is saying _____.

Can you show me the meaning of this word?

Here's a good picture on my phone.

Maybe I can draw it.

It's like _____

STEP 3: Cover the paragraph and summarize the ideas with different words.

STEP 4: Ask if everyone is ready to read the next paragraph.

Do you understand this paragraph well?

Should we keep going?

Watch Jessica teach part of this routine.

