



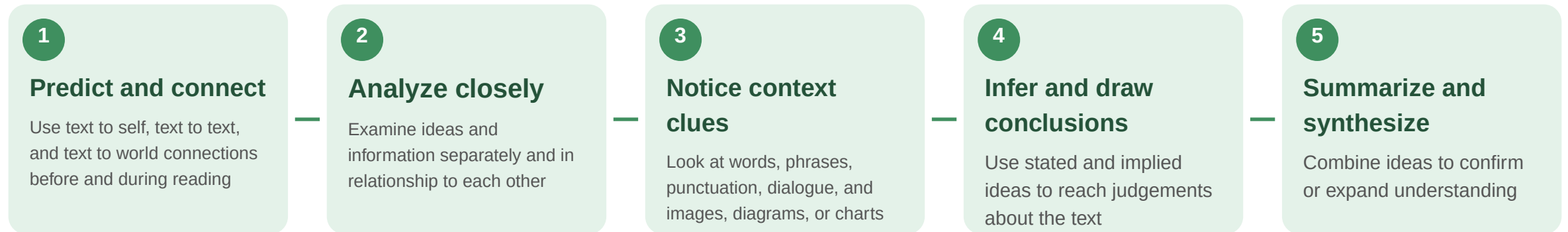
Comprehension of Texts

Grade 6 English Language Arts and Literature: strategies for interpreting and responding to texts

Our Learning Outcome and Guiding Question

- Guiding question: How do comprehension strategies enhance interpretations of texts?
- Learning outcome: We interpret and respond to texts through applying comprehension strategies
- Strategies include predicting, inferring, making connections, summarizing, synthesizing, and evaluating
- Self-monitoring skills help us comprehend and interpret texts we read on our own

How Skilled Readers Work Through a Text



Explicit vs. Implicit: Reading Between the Lines

Stated in the text

Explicit information is written directly in the text. Context clues such as words, phrases, punctuation, and dialogue help us find it. We distinguish between what is stated and what is inferred.

Implied by the text

Implicit information is not written directly. We infer meanings from context clues and draw conclusions using both stated and implied ideas. This is like reading between the lines to figure out what the author really means.

Perspectives, Bias, and Context

Whose story is being told?

Perspectives can change because of time, experience, context, or new information. Thinking about other people's thoughts and experiences helps us build empathy. We also consider whether an author or text creator presents information with or without bias, meaning favouring one thing, person, or group unfairly. Texts are shaped by historical, social, and cultural contexts, including the time, place, and beliefs surrounding them. Authors sometimes create texts, such as advertising or social media posts, to deliberately influence what an audience believes.

Bringing It All Together

Grade 6 readers use predicting, inferring, connecting, summarizing, synthesizing, and evaluating to interpret complex texts. We pay attention to explicit and implicit information, use context clues, and consider historical, social, and cultural context to deepen our understanding and expand our perspectives.

The next time you read a story or article, which comprehension strategy will you try first, and why?