Theme 4

Lesson 16: Point of View

Ask Questions

Thomas A. Edison was one of the greatest inventors in history. Born in 1847, Edison only attended school for three months, yet he wound up getting 1,093 patents for inventions during his lifetime. He invented the light bulb and made electrical lighting practical. Among his other important inventions were the phonograph and the motion picture camera. He also made great improvements in the telegraph and telephone.

But Edison did not perform well in school. When his schoolmaster called the boy "addled," Edison's mother was angry. She took him out of school and taught him at home. Much later, Edison credited his mother with making him successful. He said, "She was so true, so sure of me, and I felt I had someone to live for, someone I must not disappoint."

As a boy, Edison sold newspapers and candy, but he also spent time doing chemistry experiments and studying how mechanical things worked. When he was twelve, Edison lost most of his hearing. However, he did not let this discourage him. Instead, he looked at his deafness as an asset: silence made it easier for him to concentrate on experiments and research.

Question	Answer
Who	
What	
When	
Where	
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Ask Questions

Good readers ask themselves questions before, during, and after reading to confirm their understanding of what they've read. They may ask themselves literal, inferential, or critical questions.

	Type of Question	Where Information Is Found	Example
Literal	questions ask to identify details about people, places and things	directly stated in the text	Who is the main character?
Inferential	questions focus on meaning, such as themes and messages	in different parts of the text and the reader's prior knowledge	How does the main character feel?
Critical	questions are open-ended and go beyond the text	not directly- stated in the text; reader must use knowledge and experience	Do you agree with the main character? Why or why not?

Monitor Comprehension: Self-Correct

When you monitor your comprehension, you take control of your reading. Be aware when you don't understand something you read. Then **self-correct** to clear up your confusion.

Reasons for misreading a word and questions you should ask yourself:

- You do not know how to pronounce the word. EXAMPLE: Bacteria are living organisms. (How do you pronounce bacteria?)
- You read a multiple-meaning word and choose the wrong meaning.
 EXAMPLE: The detective <u>concluded</u> that the butler was the thief. (Concluded can mean finished or reasoned. Which one applies in this sentence?)
- You mistake a word for another one that looks or sounds similar.
 EXAMPLE: Last year I loved my math <u>course</u>. (Is course different from coarse?)
- You accidentally skip a word while reading.
 EXAMPLE: The entertainer was absentminded, but he did <u>not</u> forget the words to the song.
 (Does the *but* in this sentence make sense? Did I skip a word?)

Monitor Comprehension: Self-Correct

Words with Multiple	Meanings
bank n.	 ground along the sides of a river a place where money is kept
board n.	 a flat length of sawed lumber; a plank a panel on which games are played
board v.	 to get on a ship, train, or plane to cover with boards
cross n.	 a religious symbol a mark made by two diagonally intersecting lines
cross v.	 to go across to meet and pass each other
great adj.	 large in size remarkable or outstanding
key n.	 a metal device that opens a lock a table that explains symbols on a map
key adj.	• crucial
Words that Are Spelle	ed the Same but Pronounced Differently
object n. [AWB•jekt]	 a thing a purpose or goal
object v. [awb•JEKT]	 to express an opposing opinion or argument
present n. [PRE•zent]	 the current time or moment a gift
present v. [pree•ZENT]	 to offer to the public to give a gift or an award
	to introduce someone
produce n. [PROH•doos] produce v. [pro•DOOS]	 farm products such as fruits and vegetables to make or manufacture something
wound n. [woond] wound v. [wownd]	 an injury past tense of <i>wind</i>; to move around or turn

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Lesson 20: Review Week