

# Word Solving Strategies



1. **Checking**—Check the picture to help figure out the word.
2. **Chunking**—Look for “chunks” or patterns. Is there a little word inside the big word?
3. **Sound it out**—Stretch the sounds in the word; sound it out.
4. **Monitoring**—Stop and think about whether the word makes sense, sounds right, and matches the print.
5. **Skipping**—Skip a hard word and read on; sometimes the rest of the sentence will help you with the word.
6. **Rereading**—Go back to the beginning of the sentence and start again.
7. **Fixing**—If a word is read that doesn't make sense, sound right, or look right, go back and fix it up.
8. **Guessing**—Guess what word might make sense in the sentence. See if the sounds match the letters on the page.