Think Aloud Phrases for Modeling Strategies

Strategy Think Aloud	Cue Words
Predicting	I predict… because . . . In the next part I think… because . . . I bet what's going to happen . . because . . . I think it's story is going to be about . . . because . . . The title makes me think . . . . because . . I wonder if . . . I'm guessing that . . . because . . . I think the character will . . .
Questioning	Why did… What did… How did… Where was… What if . . . If I could ask the author . . . because . . . I wonder . . . because . . .
Visualizing	I imagine… I picture… In my mind, the setting . . . In my mind, this character . . . I can almost hear/taste/smell/feel . . . .
Monitoring Comprehension	Wait, this doesn't make sense . . .because . . . Maybe I should reread . . . because . . . . I wonder if I should slow down . . . because . . . I'm not sure what this word means . . . maybe I should use a fix-up strategy I must have stopped paying attention, because I don't know what's going on . . . I think I'll read on to see if I can figure out . . . This really isn't making any sense to me . . .
Inferring	I think the character did that because . . . I think the character is feeling . . . because . . . What must have happened that the author didn't tell is . . . because It doesn't come right out and say it, but I think . . . because
Summarizing	So first . . . then . . . at the end . . . What's happened so far in the story is . . . So far, this character has . . . This story/chapter/page is mainly about . . . who . . . because . . .
Determining Importance	This seems important because . . . I'd better remember . . . I think this part will help me because ,. . . This part of the story is more important because . . .
Making Connections • Text to self • Text to text • Text to world Aka Schema & Background knowledge	This is like…because . . . This reminds me of…because . . . This is similar to…because . . . If it were me…because . . . I know something about . . .because . . . This is like another book I read because . . . This character is just like . . . because . . . This happened to me when . . . I understand how he's feeling because . . . I read a book once about this. . .

Think aloud tutor checklist