

Preflight Preparation Practice Activities

In the "Final Activities" section of this lesson you will be required to read a short story entitled, "Robot Hospital." Use the four pre-reading strategies to prepare yourself before reading this story. Write your answers in the spaces that are provided.

1. What is your purpose for reading this story?
2. What information do you observe about the story (Title, picture, etc.)?
3. What prior knowledge do you have about the topic of the story (Robots? Hospitals?)
4. What do you predict the story will be about? Why?

Before You Read:

Good readers know the importance of using Pre-reading Strategies. These strategies help readers prepare to read before starting the process.

In the lesson four pre-reading strategies are presented:

1. Purpose Setting

Establish a purpose for reading. Let this purpose guide, monitor, and evaluate your progress so you don't get lost while reading.

2. Previewing

For information about the text, look at the title, book jacket, table of contents, chapter titles, headings, pictures, and graphs.

3. Activating Prior Knowledge

Think about what you already know about the topic before starting to read.

4. Predicting

Anticipate what you'll be reading about. Use what you know and observe about the text to make predictions about the topic.

Robot Hospital

Robot Hospital was full to overflowing with patients. The halls were lined with robots beeping, buzzing, smoldering and smoking. The air was filled with the smell of welded metal and burnt wiring. Robot doctors and nurses flew from one room to another, towing tools. In the waiting room, robot families entered data about their loved ones.

Viruses were treated at Robot Hospital. Chocolate milk spilled onto robot hardware was scrubbed and disinfected. Though most robots could be saved, some were too far-gone.

Those unlucky robots were sent down a shoot that dropped to the damp, dark hospital basement. There, they were taken apart by robot recyclers. Each bolt, screw and wire was labeled and boxed, ready to be used during robot surgery.

By the time a robot left the hospital he was as good as new.

Please answer the following questions:

1. What was this story about?
2. After reading the story do you believe using the pre-reading strategies was helpful? Why/Why not?
3. Based upon your prior knowledge about robots and hospitals, was your prediction about the story correct?
4. As you prepare to read other text in the future, what pre-reading strategies will you use
5. Discuss other pre-reading strategies with a friend or family member.