

The Comprehension Cake

AKA – What is Reading Comprehension?



Advanced
(analyze parts of the passage more deeply)

Most Common to Least Common:

- Inference - "passage suggests/infers"
- Function of a part - "___ mainly serves to"
- Supporting Evidence (SAT)
- Rhetorical strategy
- Compare / contrast paired passages
- Tone of a portion (ACT)
- Data Analysis (SAT)

* = Adapted from
ACT/SAT Reading Bible

Big Picture – "MAPS"
(characterize aspects of the passage as a whole)

M = **M**ain idea **A** = author's **A**ttitude
P = author's **P**urpose **S** = passage **S**tructure

Increasing
Difficulty

Literal Comprehension
AKA - "Little Picture" or "Go Fetch"
(find and **paraphrase** information from a passage)

"passage states..."
"according to the author..."

Vocabulary
(identify the meaning of words in context)

"___ most nearly means..."