

# What to Do

## YOU MIGHT NEED:

- two or three dictionaries

## NOW:



- choose a face
- when you see your face, you are the leader
- when you are the leader, it's your job to get everyone talking about the page.

1.

## Predict

Say to your group:  
*"I predict that this page is going to be about..."*

You can use the illustrations to help you predict.

Now all of the group should read the page silently.

2.

## Clarify

When you have all finished reading, find out if the group need to clarify the meaning of anything they have read or any particular vocabulary.

Say: *"Is there anything we need to clarify?"*

Encourage your group to:

- use a dictionary to look up unknown words
- compare definitions in two or three dictionaries to find the best meaning for the word in the text.

After your research say: *"Does anyone have anything to add to that?"*

3.

## Ask Questions

Lead your group in a discussion about what they have read.

Say: *"Does anyone have a question they would like to put to the group?"*

Encourage your group to talk about what they have found interesting or puzzling. Challenge them to create questions about the text.

You could ask: who..., what..., where..., when..., why..., how... or what if...

 If there is a stop sign on your page, ask the question and encourage everyone in the group to say something.

4.

## Summarise

After discussion, outline the main points of what you have read. Remember to refer to comments from other members of the group and things that you have looked up.

Say: *"My summary of what we have read is..."*

Sam Williams lived in a homemade, do-it-yourself, hand-me-down house, and it was starting to get her down.

Everything in her house was random. The family car was a million years old, and going down the road it rattled like a skeleton. The family never ate burgers from a restaurant like everyone else, only fall-apart-on-your-lap ones with sliced bread that Dad made. Sam's bike had belonged to a boy, and had a skull and crossbones on the bar – which she couldn't cover up no matter how hard she tried. She only ever wore her sister's old school uniforms, including the trousers that still said *Jessica* in pen on the knee where she wrote it one time during a science lesson.

And then there was the prospect of the annual, home-grown, birthday party. Sam was hoping to avoid it this year.

Sam wasn't ungrateful, sometimes she just wished her life was a little more like everybody else's, that things were a little more regular – a little less like a never-ending garage sale.



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