

# WORD ATTACK STRATEGIES

## SUPERHERO READERS

Use word attack strategies when they come to a word they do not know or understand.



### SUPERHERO READERS SAY ...

"How can the pictures help me read this word?"

Think about what you are reading and look at the pictures. Then think about what the word could be.

hut, playhouse, fort, tree-house



### SUPERHERO READERS SAY ...

"Does this word sound right?"

Look at the word and think about the letters, the sounds and ask yourself if the word sounds right for the sentence.



### SUPERHERO READERS SAY ...

"How can I use the words I already know to help me read this word?"

Does the word look similar to a word I already know?

king, thing, sing, fling, ring, cling, wing



### SUPERHERO READERS SAY ...

"Can I see smaller words inside this bigger word?"

fantastic  
smother  
brandish

struggle  
surface  
artefacts



## SUPERHERO READERS SAY ...

"What words fit this story?"

I know this story is all about a girl at a party, so to help me read this word I need to think about all the words that could fit into this sentence.

balloon, present, cake, candles, games



## SUPERHERO READERS SAY ...

"Did that make sense?"

This means that when you are reading you need to stop when you know that what you are reading no longer makes sense.

So **stop**, **backtrack** and **try again**.



## SUPERHERO READERS SAY ...

"I am not sure what this word is, so I will skip it and then come back and try it again."

Read the rest of the sentence, then come back and try it again.

Sometimes there are clues in the sentence that can help you figure it out.



## SUPERHERO READERS SAY ...

"Can you help me read this word?"

After you have tried all of the other strategies, then ask for help.

