



Objective

The student will use prior knowledge to comprehend text.

Materials

- ▶ Text
Choose text within students' instructional-independent reading level range.
- ▶ AGREE and DISAGREE header cards
- ▶ Statement cards
Write eight-to-ten sentences related to the text on cards that students can agree and disagree (one sentence per card). Optional: Write title of text on cards.

Activity

Students activate prior knowledge by agreeing or disagreeing with statements based on the text.

1. Place the header cards face up on a flat surface. Place the index cards face down in stack. Provide each student with a copy of the text.
2. Taking turns, students select the top card from the stack and read it aloud.
3. Brainstorm and use prior knowledge to decide if agree or disagree with the statement.
4. Place statement under appropriate header.
5. Continue until all cards are sorted.
6. Read the text silently or aloud by taking turns.
7. Confirm or change the placement of the cards as a result of reading the text.
8. Peer evaluation



Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Complete student sheet. Note: Teachers write statements related to the text and copy.
- ▶ Mark an “X” on continuum to indicate the degree of agreement or disagreement regarding the text-related statement.

AGREE

header



DISAGREE

header



Comprehension

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Agree to Disagree

statement

statement

statement

statement

statement cards



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Agree to Disagree

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Before Reading		After Reading
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
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10. <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree

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Agree to Disagree

Before Reading		After Reading		
Statement	Agree or Disagree	Page #	Were you right? (yes/no)	Why?
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				

