

**Highly
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by
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TEACHING COMPREHENSION STRATEGIES

AN ADVANCED LEVEL WORKSHOP

November 28 & 29, 2005: Grades 4-8

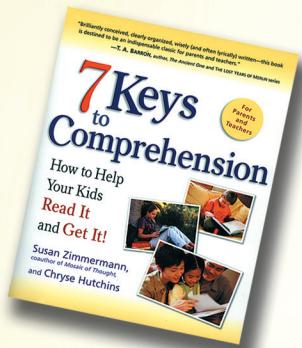


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Students often miss the unstated message in fiction and are overwhelmed by content information in expository text. They need to learn how to actively expand and deepen understanding by using INFERENTIAL THINKING. When faced with nonfiction reading, readers benefit from knowing how to distinguish the essence of factual information by DETERMINING IMPORTANCE IN TEXT. This workshop will explore ways to help kids form interpretations as well as separate the nonessential from the essential by independently adopting these two comprehension strategies into their reading lives.

Learn practical strategies for:

- Designing mini-lessons for deepening reading comprehension
- Strengthening students engagement with texts
- Developing specific approaches for teaching the comprehension strategies explicitly
- Acquiring specific practices for teaching students how to “hold their thinking” and remember what they read



- Conferring with students effectively
- Making your reading/thinking process visible to students
- Developing readers who actively and independently monitor and regulate their own comprehension
- Developing book clubs as a way for students to share their thinking
- Teaching students how to infer and determine importance in text

Chryse Hutchins is a national and international reading consultant who has been a staff developer for Denver's Public Education and Business Coalition for 14 years. She has worked as a staff developer in Cris Tovani's classroom. Chryse has also been an adjunct professor of literacy at the University of Denver.

Chryse has recently published “*7 Keys to Comprehension: How to Help Your Kids Read It and Get It!*” with coauthor Susan Zimmermann (Three Rivers Press).

Praise for Chryse Hutchins

“After five minutes of being with Chryse Hutchins one thinks she has been a life-long friend. Chryse’s intuition and wide range of expertise allows her to truly differentiate instruction. Not only is she magic when working with children, she is equally fantastic when helping parents understand how to help grow their children’s literacy. She is always the first person I go to when seeking help with my classroom instruction.”

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About the Presenter

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