FINCO Reads Additional Resources: Teaching Strategies

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## 1. Swatting Homophones

- Students break into two groups.
- Each group gets a fly swat.
- The teacher shows a question and the first person to swat the correct answer gets a point.

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|  |  |  | male |



## 2. Paired Reading

- Students will group in pairs.
- Each student will take turns to read a sentence of the passage.



## 3. Shoulder Partners

- Students talk to the person sitting next to them about a topic being discussed



## 4. Popcorn

- Teacher calls a student to answer a question.
- That student then calls upon another student to answer another question



## 5. Think Pair Share

- Students think about a topic individually
- Students then pair up with their shoulder partner to discuss their thoughts
- Students then share their thoughts with the class.



## 6. Choral Reading

- All students as a whole read a passage together out loud.
- The teacher can model and read it first, then the students will repeat after each sentence.
- Another variation is the teacher and the students all read the passage together
- This can be done as a whole class or in small groups



## 7. Close Reading

- Teacher reads a sentence halfway and then pauses
- Students continue where the teacher has stopped



## 8. Graphic Organisers

- Teacher uses various I-think maps in the class



## 9. Asking Ouestions

- Teacher asks questions to the students using various questioning techniques
- Teacher can also create question stems in various categories and students can use those stems to ask questions.


