Monitoring for Understanding

Question Cards

Objective
The student will answer questions to comprehend text.

Materials
- Narrative or expository text
  Choose text within students’ instructional-independent reading level range.
- Question cards (Activity Master C.037.AM1a - C.037.AM1b)

Activity
Students discuss text by using question cards.
1. Place question cards face down in a stack. Provide each student with a copy of the text.
2. Taking turns, students select six cards from the stack and place face down in a row within reach.
3. Student one reads the first paragraph aloud. Selects a card randomly from his row and reads the question.
4. Answers the question. Discusses answer with partner.
5. Continue the activity until all the questions cards are face up, the questions are answered, and the text is read. Use questions twice, if necessary.
6. Peer evaluation

Extensions and Adaptations
- Record page numbers, questions, and answers on paper.
- Use question cube to ask questions (Activity Master C.037.AM2).
- Make other cards or cubes with new questions (Activity Master C.008.AM3 or C.037.AM3).
- Read text and answer questions (Activity Master C.037.SS).
| What do you think is going to happen next? | Is something inferred in the text?  
What is it? |
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| Discuss any words that you may not have known. | Did you understand what you just read?  
Why or why not? |
<p>| Based on what you read, what are you curious or interested in knowing more about? | How does what you just read relate to your own life? |</p>
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Comprehension

C.037.AM2

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Summarize what you just read in 20 words or less.

Discuss any words that you may not have known.

Based on what you read, what are you curious or interested in knowing more about?

Did you understand what you just read? Why or why not?

How does what you just read relate to your own life?

What do you think is going to happen next?

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