

Comprehension



Monitoring for Understanding

C.038

Stop and Ask

Objective

The student will answer questions to comprehend text.

Materials

- ▶ Narrative or expository text

Choose text within students' instructional-independent reading level range.

Copy text. At the end of selected paragraphs write numbers (i.e., 1- 8). These will correspond to questions on the student sheet. Optional: Use the original text and place removable sticky notes with numbers written on them.

- ▶ Student sheet (Activity Master C.038.SS)

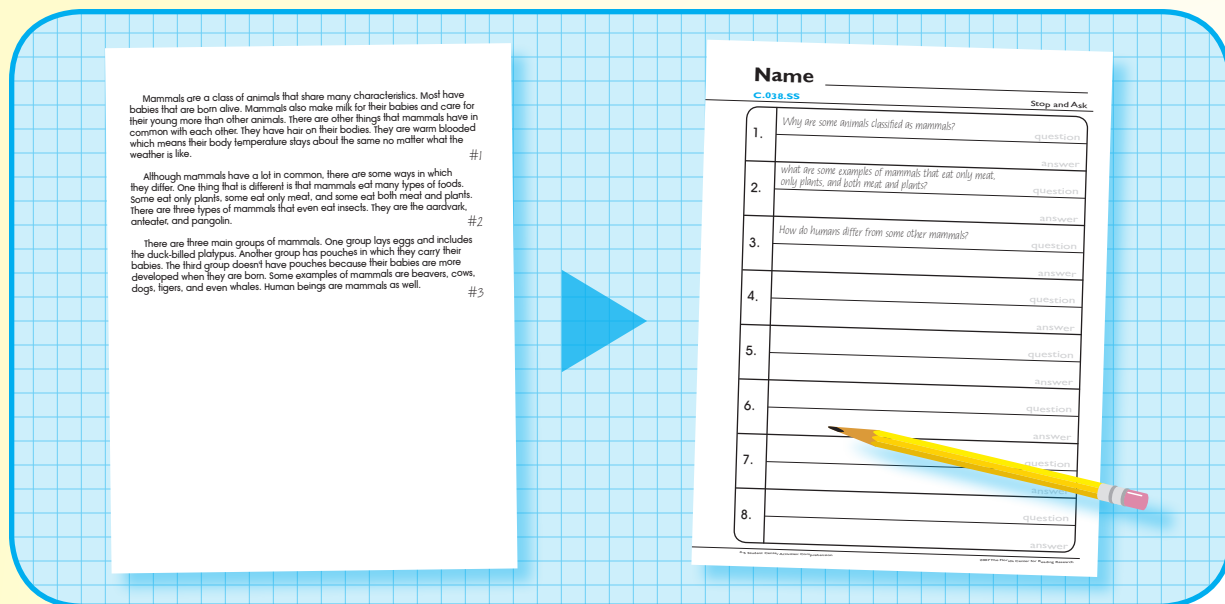
Numbers on student sheet correspond to numbers written on copy of text. Write questions related to that part of the text next to the numbers. Vary the complexity of the questions (e.g., literal, inferential).

- ▶ Pencil

Activity

Students read text and stop to answer questions.

1. Provide the student with a copy of the text and a student sheet.
2. Student reads the text until reaching a number.
3. Reads the question on the student sheet.
4. Writes the answer in the space provided.
5. Continues until entire text is read and all questions are answered.
6. Teacher evaluation



The diagram illustrates the 'Stop and Ask' activity. On the left, a page of text about mammals is shown with three numbered stops: #1, #2, and #3. Stop #1 is at the end of the first paragraph, #2 is at the end of the second paragraph, and #3 is at the end of the third paragraph. A large blue arrow points from the text page to the right, where a student sheet titled 'C.038.SS Stop and Ask' is shown. The student sheet has eight numbered rows, each with a 'question' column and an 'answer' column. A yellow pencil is shown lying across the bottom of the student sheet.

Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Work with a partner to answer the questions.
- ▶ Teacher cuts a copy of the text apart, inserts questions, tapes all together, and copies.
- ▶ Stop at the end of each paragraph, write a question on the student sheet, and exchange with a partner who writes the answer.

Name _____

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Stop and Ask

1.	question
	answer
2.	question
	answer
3.	question
	answer
4.	question
	answer
5.	question
	answer
6.	question
	answer
7.	question
	answer
8.	question
	answer