

Comprehension Strategies

First Read

Teacher Modeling

7 Making Connections *Anne and her father are working so hard to set up their new home. Although I have fortunately never had to go into hiding, I have moved to a new home. It is so much work! I know how hard Anne and her father are working.*

Discussing Strategy Use

After students have read the selection, encourage them to share any problems they encountered and tell what strategies they used.

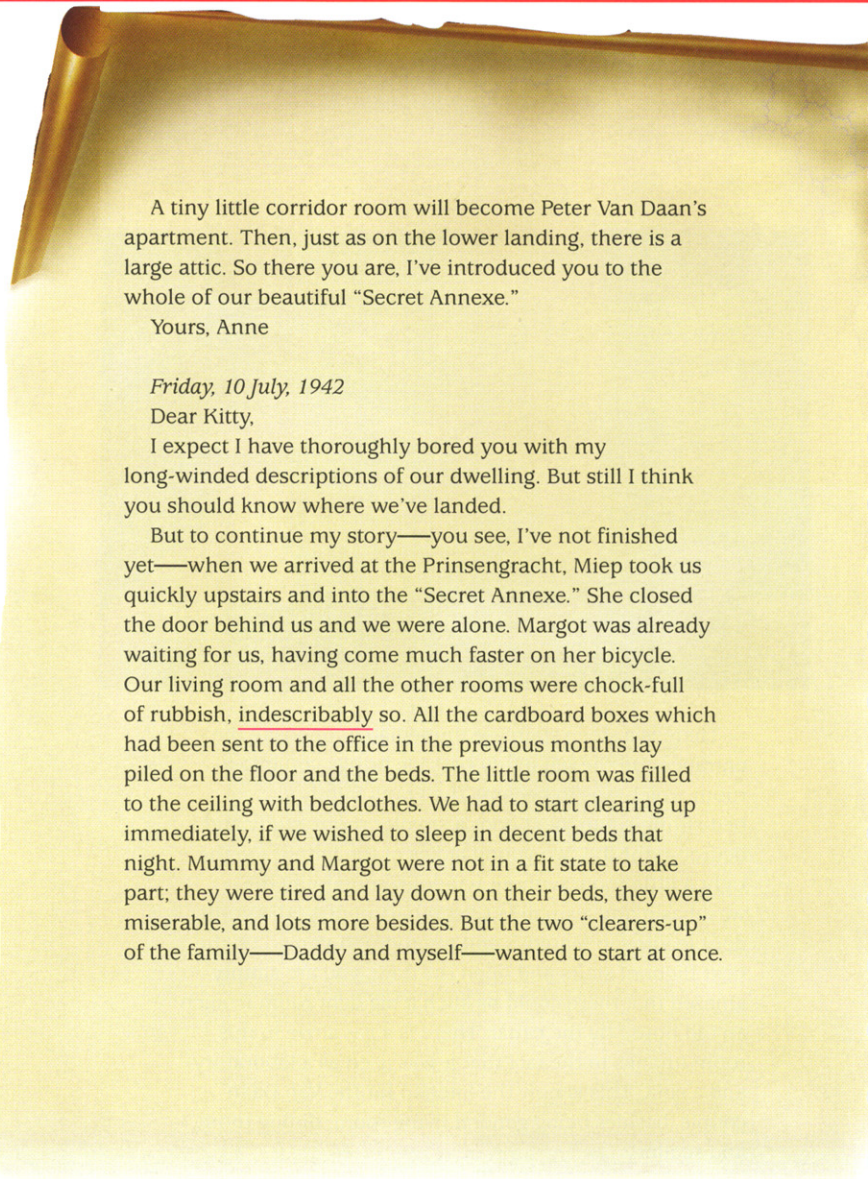
- What connections did they make between the reading and what they already know?
- How did they clarify confusing passages by reading on?
- What questions did they ask as they read?

Make sure students explain how using the strategies helped them better understand the selection. For example, “Making connections between what I’m reading and my past experiences helped me better understand what I read.”



Teacher Tip By this time in fourth grade, good readers should be reading approximately 133 words per minute with fluency and

expression. The only way to gain this fluency is through practice. Have students reread all or part of the selection to you and to each other during class or Workshop to build fluency.



A tiny little corridor room will become Peter Van Daan's apartment. Then, just as on the lower landing, there is a large attic. So there you are, I've introduced you to the whole of our beautiful "Secret Annexe."

Yours, Anne

Friday, 10 July, 1942

Dear Kitty,

I expect I have thoroughly bored you with my long-winded descriptions of our dwelling. But still I think you should know where we've landed.

But to continue my story—you see, I've not finished yet—when we arrived at the Prinsengracht, Miep took us quickly upstairs and into the "Secret Annexe." She closed the door behind us and we were alone. Margot was already waiting for us, having come much faster on her bicycle. Our living room and all the other rooms were chock-full of rubbish, indescribably so. All the cardboard boxes which had been sent to the office in the previous months lay piled on the floor and the beds. The little room was filled to the ceiling with bedclothes. We had to start clearing up immediately, if we wished to sleep in decent beds that night. Mummy and Margot were not in a fit state to take part; they were tired and lay down on their beds, they were miserable, and lots more besides. But the two "clearers-up" of the family—Daddy and myself—wanted to start at once.