



Brainstorm Key Words: Reading Comprehension Strategy

Task: Use this strategy to increase your understanding of the vocabulary in a nonfiction text.

Instructions:

1. Write the title of the text at the top of the table below.
2. Then, in the first column of the table below, brainstorm as many key words as you can think of that might come up in or relate to the text based on its title.

<i>Title of Text:</i>	
Key Word Brainstorm before Reading	Key Words Added after Reading

3. Read the text with key words in mind:
 - a. When you encounter a word that you wrote down in the first column:
 - ✓ Circle words found exactly as predicted
 - ✗ Cross out words that didn't appear
 - + Add synonyms/similar phrases found
 - b. Write new key words that you encounter in the second column.
4. Respond to the prompt in the box below using at least two of the text's key words.

Prompt: This text is about...
