Strategies for reading success

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Workshop

• Skills classes

• Skills good readers use

• Teaching strategies
Skills
Classes
Failure

• Desperation

• Negotiation

• Low self esteem
Special classes for repeating students

• Usually 5 week courses
• Depend on numbers
• Int / U Int / EAP
• Different course content
• Skills focus
Skills classes

- Motivation
- Optimism
- Learning & exam strategies
- Success
- Increased self esteem
How do we support students’ reading success?

• Answer questions… get them wrong… feel a failure

BUT if…

• Teacher anticipates problems… shows them how to handle them… THEN answer questions  → SUCCESS
Skills good readers use
• Background knowledge
• Prediction
• Context
• Vocabulary
• Skimming
• Scanning
• Gist
• Reading for detail
• Text structure
Teaching strategies
• Identify possible problems
• Explain them
• Provide practice
• Monitor to support success
• Provide constant reinforcement
• Id_______ possible problems
• Ex________ them
• Provide pr________
• M_____r to support success
• Provide constant re________
Traps for the unwary...
Temporary work permits, which several countries increasingly issue, help a bit to fill the gap, but most involve a complex process.

(The Best of Reasons, The Economist, 2.11.02)
• Identifying subject / verb / complement
• Nominalisation
• Active / Passive
• Relative clauses
• Referents
• Modals
• Signal words
• Text structure
• Analyse sentences

• Analyse larger chunks of texts

• Use this knowledge to answer questions

• Becomes AUTOMATIC
Structural clues...
In a sentence...

________________, ________________ and
________________________.

The contracts say that the pickers can lose their jobs if they eat a single strawberry, stop work or smoke indoors.

(No strawberries and cream for fruit pickers, Guardian Weekly, one.stopenglish.com)
• Punctuation

• Conjunctions
In a paragraph...

____________________ e.g. ........................... 

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• Supporting ideas

• Supporting details / examples

• Transition signals / linking words
Over several paragraphs...

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• Topic sentences

• Transition signals
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