

Crafting Session Tips

- One image leads to another, helping you develop a deeper appreciation of what you read.
- Mental images are connected to your life experiences and memories.
- Mental images bring forth not only still snapshots of reading, but smells, tastes, feelings, and chills and thrills as well.
- Reading becomes three-dimensional when you call on your sensory images. It makes reading fun!
- Sensory images help you remember what you read as you personalize characters, scenes, plot lines, social studies facts, and so on.
- When your reading camera shuts off, it's a warning that there might be a breakdown in comprehension.
- Watching words unwind like a movie in your mind helps you stay with the book longer. You want to "see" the extended story or watch how science facts unfold.
- Using sensory images helps you move from a literal interpretation of the story to inferential thinking. You'll see the concrete representation in your mind's eye, and then extend the image to new thinking.