Literacy, meaning and activity

Phase + Focus	Focus	Types of activities
Pre-reading	 Focus attention on the topic Activate prior knowledge Connect! 	Use photos, maps or visuals Brainstorm Predict content from a headline Kids suggest questions to be answered on the topic The provocative question! Personal anecdote
Focus on basic meaning (macro level) (use activities also for language recycling)	 Main ideas Selectively attend to meanings and ideas Understanding gist Connect personal experience to the text Key vocabulary and forms as needed 	Who when where what? Sequencing parts or lines of the text Who's who (match names with roles) True-false Match Q and A Match sentence halves Cloze Scanning for specific information Main idea + details Graphic outlines Note-taking Here's the answer – what's the question?
Focus on meaning and forms (micro level) (and for language recycling)	 Attention to forms (vocab, grammar, genre) Integrated vocabulary practice Integrated grammar practice Explicit learning and memory work Genre focus 	Word – meaning match Alphabetical order Labeling a diagram Word building Spell check activity Puzzles Word chains Odd word out Concept mapping Generating a word bank Spelling games Vocab card games Classifying Cloze Sentence completion or transformation Jumbled word order Mindmap
Post-reading activities Critical reading and writing	 Speaking the text Writing the text Creating and having fun with the text Critical takes Assessment tasks 	Journal entry Write in a role Emails or letters Transforming the text to another genre Oral presentations and interviews Design a poster Illustrations and cartoons Poems Debates Research project

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