

### **Technique: Think Aloud**

- A think aloud is when learners say out loud what they are thinking about. By modelling thinking aloud, teachers can expose their thinking to students. Think alouds can be used with a variety of comprehension strategies. When making connections, the learner identifies what the reading or experience is connecting to.
- When students have the habit of thinking out loud, classroom discussion is enriched and teachers can hear important conceptions and misconceptions. Teachers can model their own thinking when using a variety of comprehension strategies, including making connections, making inferences, visualizing, and questioning.

### **Modeling Thinking Out Loud (adapted from TeacherVision website)**

When reading aloud, you can stop from time to time and orally complete sentences like these:

- So far, I've learned...
- This made me think of...
- That didn't make sense.
- I reread that part because...
- I was confused by...
- I think the most important part was...
- That is interesting because...
- I wonder why...
- I just thought of...