
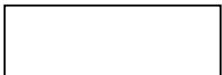


Textbook Comprehension  
Text Coding

1. Model for students when it is appropriate to use each of the symbols below.
2. Explain that using the symbols below will help each student pay attention to their own understanding of what the student is reading.
3. Students will draw the symbols in the margin at each point where his/her thinking fits into one of the seven categories below.
4. If students cannot write on the reading passages (for example, a textbook) draw the symbol on a small sticky note and place it alongside the appropriate part of the passage.

Symbol	Meaning
✓	Confirms what you thought
X	Contradicts what you thought
?	Raises a question you'd like to discuss with others
??	Confuses you... go back and reread
	Seems important... Answers a question
!	Is new, interesting, or surprising
	An unknown word or a word that gets repeated