The Elephant and Its Parts

Tail: Background Knowledge

Ear: Sensory Images

Tusk: Questioning

Head: Predictions and Inferences

Leg: Main Ideas

Trunk: Fix-Up Options

Elephant: Synthesizing
I Don't Get It!

Reread.
Read ahead.
Stop to think.
Try to visualize.
Ask a new question.
Make a prediction.
Study the illustration or other text features.
Ask someone for help.
Figure out unknown words.
Look at the sentence structure.
Make an inference.
Connect to background knowledge.

Adapted from Zimmermann and Hutchins