I Get It!
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

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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