

WHAT TO DO

You will need:

- two or three different dictionaries
- a thesaurus
- an atlas.

1. Predict

Say to your group:

“I predict that this page is going to be about...”

You can use these things to help you predict:

- photographs
- captions
- headings
- what you already know.

Now all of the group should read the page silently.

2. Clarify

When you have all finished reading, find out if the group need to clarify the meaning of anything they have read or any particular vocabulary.

Say: *“Is there anything we need to clarify?”*

Encourage your group to:

- use a dictionary to look up unknown words
- compare definitions in two or three dictionaries and a thesaurus to find the best meaning for the word in the text
- look up places in an atlas.

After your research say: *“Does anyone have anything to add to that?”*

Now:



- choose a face
- when you see your face, you are the leader
- when you are the leader, it's your job to get everyone talking about the page.

3. Ask Questions

Lead your group in a discussion about what they have read.

Say: *"Does anyone have a question they would like to put to the group?"*

Encourage your group to talk about what they have found interesting or puzzling. Challenge them to create questions about the text.

You could ask: who..., what..., where..., when..., why..., how... or what if...



If there is a stop sign on your page, ask the question and encourage everyone in the group to say something.

4. Summarise

After discussion, outline the main points of what you have read. Remember to refer to comments from other members of the group and things that you have looked up.

Say: *"My summary of what we have read is..."*

A SPY'S JOB

A secret agent, double agent, undercover agent or a person “on the inside” are all words that connect in some way to spying.

These people have the fascinating and sometimes dangerous job of working on secret missions, seeking out secrets and finding out information that others don't want anyone else to know. Having secret information can give a person, a company or a country a certain power. This information can give them an advantage over their enemies or competitors.

All countries have spies, mostly to protect themselves – their borders, their industries and above all their citizens. People who plan threats against countries make these plans in secret. This means that spies also need to work in secret in order to find out what is being planned, so the plotters can be exposed before the plan can be carried out. Sometimes spies in different countries work together, using different skills to help protect countries or industries.

A spy's job, then, is an important and necessary one. Yet while it might seem like an exciting job, it can be dangerous, challenging and even boring if spies have to wait a long time for their target to make a move.



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TOP SECRET



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