



# **Reading Instruction for Middle School Students**

**Lessons for Improving Comprehension  
Through “Any Small Goodness”**

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the Texas Center for Learning Disabilities

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# “Any Small Goodness”: Overview of Daily Activities

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAPTER 1</b></p> <p><b>Day 1 (60 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Introduce Vocabulary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prediction</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Access Background Knowledge</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Get the Gist: Introduce the Strategy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reading the Chapter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Closure</li> </ul> <p><b>Day 2 (45 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review Vocabulary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reading the Chapter: Modeling/Practice Get the Gist</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> After Reading: Get the Gist of Entire Chapter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Verify Predictions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Closure</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAPTER 2</b></p> <p><b>Day 1 (50 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Introduce Vocabulary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prediction</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Access Background Knowledge</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reading the Chapter: Modeling/Practice Get the Gist</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Closure</li> </ul> <p><b>Day 2 (45 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review Vocabulary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reading the Chapter: Modeling/Practice Get the Gist</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> After Reading: Get the Gist of Entire Chapter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Verify Predictions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Closure</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAPTER 3</b></p> <p><b>Day 1 (65 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Introduce Vocabulary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prediction</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Access Background Knowledge</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reading the Chapter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Verify Predictions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Generating Questions: Introducing Student Study Teams</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Closure</li> </ul> <p><b>Day 2 (40 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review Vocabulary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Generating Questions: Review Student Study Teams</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Generating Level 1 Questions: Modeling</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Generating Level 1 Questions: Practice with Teacher Assistance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Closure</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAPTER 4</b></p> <p><b>Day 1 (60 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Introduce Vocabulary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prediction</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Access Background Knowledge</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reading the Chapter and Generating Level 1 Questions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Get the Gist: Independent Practice</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Verify Predictions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Closure</li> </ul>

Introductory Materials

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAPTER 5</b></p> <p><b>Day 1 (50 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Introduce Vocabulary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prediction</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Access Background Knowledge</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reading the Chapter and Generating Level 1 Questions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Verify Predictions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Closure</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAPTER 6</b></p> <p><b>Day 1 (55 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Introduce Vocabulary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prediction</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Access Background Knowledge</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reading the Chapter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Verify Predictions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Closure</li> </ul> <p><b>Day 2 (50 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review Vocabulary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Generating Questions: Review Student Study Teams</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Generating Level 2 Questions: Introduction</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Generating Level 2 Questions: Practice With Teacher Assistance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Closure</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAPTER 7</b></p> <p><b>Day 1 (65 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Introduce Vocabulary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Vocabulary Activity: Review</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prediction</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Access Background Knowledge</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reading the Chapter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Verify Predictions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Generating Level 2 Questions: Practice With Teacher Assistance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Closure</li> </ul> <p><b>Day 2 (40 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review Vocabulary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Generating Level 2 Questions: Practice</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Closure</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAPTER 8</b></p> <p><b>Day 1 (50 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Introduce Vocabulary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prediction</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Access Background Knowledge</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reading the Chapter and Generating Level 1 and Level 2 Questions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Verify Predictions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Closure</li> </ul> <p><b>Optional Day 2 (30 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review Vocabulary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete Chapter 8</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAPTER 9</b></p> <p><b>Day 1 (50 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Introduce Vocabulary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prediction</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Access Background Knowledge</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reading the Chapter and Generating Level 1 and Level 2 Questions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Verify Predictions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Closure</li> </ul>	