

Reading: *The characteristics of confident, competent readers*



Good foreign language readers...

Tasks and strategies

<ul style="list-style-type: none">are 100% confident with question words.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">have a good level of vocabulary (in long-term memory, in particular high-frequency words).	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">recognise the links within word families and use this knowledge (and knowledge of syntax) to support their understanding.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">use cognates to support understanding but do not rely on them too much.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">are attentive to detail and read carefully (e.g. spotting negatives or 'change of direction' words (but, although, however) that impact meaning).	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">cope confidently without understanding every word.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">interrogate sentences, asking 'who' is doing 'what' to 'whom'?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">can deduce the meaning of unfamiliar words by using the 'mental working translation' strategy.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">are secure with verbs endings in different tenses.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">use grammatical knowledge to 'narrow down' possible options in exam questions.	