

# Cognitive Strategy Sentence Starters

## ***Planning and Goal Setting***

- *My purpose is. . .*
- *My top priority is. . .*
- *To accomplish my goal, I plan to. . .*

## ***Tapping Prior Knowledge***

- *I already know that. . .*
- *This reminds me of. . .*
- *This relates to. . .*

## ***Asking Questions***

- *I wonder why. . .*
- *What if. . .*
- *How come. . .*

## ***Predicting***

- *I'll bet that. . .*
- *I think. . .*
- *If, then. . .*

## ***Visualizing***

- *I can picture. . .*
- *In my mind I see. . .*
- *If this were a movie. . .*

## ***Making Connections***

- *This reminds me of. . .*
- *I experienced this once when. . .*
- *I can relate to this because. . .*

## ***Summarizing***

- *The basic gist. . .*
- *The key information is. . .*
- *In a nutshell, this says that. . .*

## ***Adopting an Alignment***

- *The character I most identify with is. . .*
- *I really got into the story when. . .*
- *I can relate to this author because. . .*

## ***Forming Interpretations***

- *What this means to me is. . .*
- *I think this represents. . .*
- *The idea I'm getting is. . .*

## ***Monitoring***

- *I got lost here because. . .*
- *I need to reread the part where. . .*
- *I know I'm on the right track because. . .*

## ***Clarifying***

- *To understand better, I need to know more about. . .*
- *Something that is still not clear is. . .*
- *I'm guessing that this means, but I need to. . .*

## ***Revising Meaning***

- *At first I thought, but now I. . .*
- *My latest thought about this is. . .*
- *I'm getting a different picture here because. . .*

## ***Analyzing the Author's Craft***

- *A golden line for me is. . .*
- *This word/phrase stands out for me because. . .*
- *I like how the author uses to show. . .*

## ***Reflecting and Relating***

- *So, the big idea is. . .*
- *A conclusion I'm drawing is. . .*
- *This is relevant to my life because. . .*

## ***Evaluating***

- *I like/don't like because. . .*
- *This could be more effective if. . .*
- *The most important message is. . .*