

## **Predict**

Say to your group:
"I predict that this page is going to be about..."

You can use the illustrations to help you predict.

Now all of the group should read the page silently.

## **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 to find the best meaning for the word in the text.

After your research say: "Does anyone have anything to add to that?"

## **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.

## **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..."

The bay was deserted when Taine and his dad got down there. It was still early and the weekend beach crowd hadn't turned up yet. The tide was all the way out — the sea as calm as marble. A few dark birds with thin, orange beaks strutted at the water's edge poking at the sand.

Though Dad had offered to carry it, Taine cradled the metal detector all the way from the car – it was his birthday present after all. The one he had spent months pestering his parents for.

"You just want the treasure," Taine said with a smile. The detector practically tingled in his arms, waiting to get to work.

Dad laughed. "Hey, I thought we'd agreed. We're going to split everything 50/50."

Taine chuckled. "Maybe." He stopped walking. "What about here?"

Dad shrugged his shoulders. "As good a place as any." He dug the spade into the wet sand and used it as a leaning post. "Let the beach combing begin!"

