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Big? Can I use reading for meaning to clarify unfamiliar vocabulary?

How can we understand the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary?

Can you make a list of as many ways you can think of.

- Reading for meaning (reading around the word)

- Using a dictionary

- Replacing the word with a synonym

- Drawing an image to represent the meaning of the word

- Asking a friend

Activity 1

I would like you to read through pages 96 – 99 of Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief. These pages can be found on the blog. While you are reading, I would like you to make a note of any key vocabulary or information.

We are now going to look at using our reading for meaning skills. Below I have chosen 2 pieces of vocabulary I am unfamiliar with and don't know the meaning off. I am going to use my reading for meaning skills and read around the word to help me try to clarify the vocabulary.

Word	Prediction of meaning	Evidence to support prediction	Use the word in a sentence
Undetermined (page 96)	I predict that undetermined means that you don't know something.	I predict this because in the text, Annabeth says 'Nobody knows' after she uses the word undetermined.	The cause of the condition is still undetermined.
Sealed (page 97)	I predict sealed means that you can't enter somewhere.	I predict this because in the text it, Annabeth says 'are sealed to keep mortals and monsters out'. This suggests that people are unable to enter the camp.	The borders are to be sealed shut.

Activity 2

I would like you to choose 6 pieces of vocabulary from pages 96 – 99 of Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief that you don't know the meaning of. You are then going to practice using your reading for meaning skills to complete the grid modelled on the last slide. You can find the grid on the blog and it is titled 'Reading for meaning grid'.