



Building Word POWER



Before skipping over a word... Ask yourself...

1. What's happening? →
 - * What is the main idea?
 - * What is the author trying to say?
2. How is the word being used? →
 - * To describe?
 - * As an action?
 - * As a thing?
3. Is it a positive or negative word? →
 - * What is the feeling or tone of the sentence?
4. Can I break down the word? →
 - * Look at the prefixes, suffixes, & root words
5. What can I use to replace this word for it to still make sense? →
 - * Synonym or phrase that fits in the meaning of the sentence