Handout 1	Talk for Reading unit planner
Unit text/s	
Comprehension focus/s	

Planning	
Decide what vocabulary to focus on	
Decide on a few investigative question/s	
Decide on useful sentence stems given focus	
Plan activities to ensure access to text focusing on	
dialogic comprehension – understanding through	
discussion – hence the centrality of key questions to	
build understanding	

Introduction phase	By end of phase, pupils can access and read the text/s aloud with basic understanding
Prior to reading:	
• hook	
 provide contextual information 	
 activate prior knowledge 	
 vocabulary before reading 	
While reading	
• teacher models reading with fluency	
prediction	
 initial responses 	
• rereading	
 decoding/word recognition 	
• vocabulary	
 literal retrieval 	
and all that the sum	

establish focus

Investigation phase	By end of phase, pupils can read text aloud with fluency, expression & understanding at a deeper level
Deepen understanding of comprehension focus through: • dialogic talk • strategic reading • response activities • reading as a writer • summarising what's been learnt • reading fluently	
Independent understanding phase	By end of phase, pupils understand text & can independently demonstrate levels of understanding
 Independently demonstrate levels of understanding identify the focus demonstrate understanding apply focus to the text and to other texts? 	

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