Clunk Pattern Poster

Fix-up Strategies for Clunks

Strategy 1

Reread the sentence with the clunk and look for clues from other words to help you figure out the unknown word. Think about what makes sense.

Strategy 2

Reread the sentences before and after the clunk looking for clues about the unknown word.

Strategy 3

Look for a prefix or suffix in the unknown word that might help you figure it out.

Strategy 4

Break the unknown word apart and look for smaller words that you already know.