

Before reading the text:

Remind yourself of what has happened so far. Here are some key words which might help you to remember. Can you write some sentences about anything you remember?

Stanley Yelnats inventor trainers/sneakers

famous baseball player Camp Green Lake punishment

dig X-Ray gold tube

While reading the text:

One of the most important parts of reading well, is to check whether you've understood what you've read.

a) Read each paragraph and pause afterwards to check whether you've understood what is happening.

b) Make a list of any words you didn't know and try to use strategies to work out what they mean. To check whether you're right, look them up and write the definitions next to them.

c) Write a summary of each chapter

After reading the text:

Answer these questions.

Looking/ Retrieval Questions

What injury did the Warden cause Armpit?

Why did Zero say he only needed to learn how to read?

Clue/ inference Questions

On page 74 - why does the author write the word 'mother' in italics?

How does Zigzag feel about Stanley at the end of chapter 17? Use 2 pieces of evidence from the text to support your answer.

Thinking question

Zero asks Stanley to teach him how to read. What skills and characteristics do you think a good teacher needs?