Components of Reciprocal Teaching

Summarizing

- Increases comprehension through discussion.
- Builds language through interactions.

Questioning

- Focuses on main ideas of text.
- Students learn which questions provide access to information and which do not.
- Encourages higher-order questioning.

Clarifying

- Students monitor their own comprehension.
- Use peers to understand vocabulary, references to unknown events.
- Make connections to themselves, other texts, or the world.

Predicting

- Activate background knowledge.
- Determine purpose for reading.
- Make educated guess about the text.
- Serves as a motivator to confirm or disconfirm prediction.