English Language Arts 10-2

Unit 2: Comprehend and respond to texts

Prior knowledge and reference tools

A schedule change

- Before you read the bus timetable, say what a timetable usually gives: place, clock, and what runs.
- The neighbourhood row says 3:40, bay 2, and “detour”. The word “detour” is the blocker. The time is already clear.
- A short paragraph beside the sheet is a story: a driver waits at a moved stop while a student looks at the old pole. Plot and setting, from the earlier story of Priya crawling under the rink snack-bar shutter, tell you to track the wait and the place.
- “Detour” goes into the class glossary as the bus using different streets, with the dictionary named.

A glossary line for detour

Word on the timetable
Detour, printed beside the 3:40 neighbourhood bus.

Plain phrase we stored
The bus is using different streets today.

Tool
A dictionary, then our class glossary so the phrase is there next time.

Habits and memory

- Prior knowledge of this timetable is the expectation that rows pair a place with a time.
- Prior knowledge of the little story is plot and setting from the snack bar: events in order, and a place that matters.
- A reference tool is the dictionary for the first look, and the class glossary for the look you will repeat.
- If the expectation makes you skip detour, modify the strategy: circle unfamiliar words before you trust the row.

Key terms

prior knowledge

What you already expect or remember, used on purpose to make a new text easier to enter.

reference tool

A dictionary, glossary, note, or cited source you consult and can reuse later.

Adjusting a strategy

- The habit strategy worked for bay 2 and 3:40, because those match what schedules do.
- It failed for detour, because habit said the bus runs as usual.
- The modification is a circle around any word that still needs a lookup, before you announce what the row means.
- The story strategy is different: ask what happens first and where the bodies are, the way you did with the shutter.

Two strategies and one glossary line

- Expectation: a timetable pairs place and time. Bay 2 and 3:40 fit.
- Blocker: “detour”. Dictionary: the bus is using different streets.
- Glossary line stored with the tool named, so next week starts there.
- Story: setting is the old pole. Plot is the wait, then the discovery of the moved stop. That memory comes from reading the snack bar for order and place.

The clinic card

- A clinic card says: Sanitize the thermometer. Incubation is forty-eight hours. Log the time.
- Say what you already expect a clinic card to do.
- Circle the blocking word, look it up, and add a glossary line.

Review

- Cover the timetable and the clinic card.
- A note says the kiln needs a six-hour cool and the shelf is pyrex-safe.
- Say what you expected, which word you would look up, and the glossary line you would store.