

What is READING?

CUEING SYSTEMS

Visible Ingredients:

Surface Structure Systems

- ***Grapho-Phonic System:*** Provides information about letters, features of letters, combinations of letters and the sounds associated with them (letter/sound knowledge, phonemic awareness, decoding)
- ***Lexical System:*** Provides information about words, including instantaneous recognition of words, but not including the meaning associated with the word (visual word recognition, visual memory for words)
- ***Syntactic System:*** Provides information about the form and structure of language, including whether or not the text sounds correct (language structure at the word, sentence and text level, the “architecture of language”)

Invisible Ingredients:

Deep Structure Systems

- ***Semantic System:*** Provides information about the meanings, concepts, and associations of words and longer pieces of text (word meanings/associations)
- ***Schematic System:*** Provides information from a reader’s prior knowledge and/or personal associations with text that permit him/her to understand and remember information from text (prior knowledge that helps governs storage, retrieval and understanding of information)
- ***Pragmatic System:*** Provides information about the purposes and needs the reader has while reading. In other words what the reader needs to understand for a specific purpose and audience (a reader reads differently depending upon the purpose for reading)