CLOSING THE READING GAP

THE ARDUOUS EIGHT

Text difficulty can be mediated by...

1. Background knowledge – the sheer range of necessary knowledge and related ideas in a given passage or whole text.

2. Range and complexity of vocabulary (including word length).

3. Use of abstract imagery and metaphorical language.

4. Sentence length and syntax.

5. Narrative or whole-text structures.

6. The generic elements of the text e.g. a biographical account in history.

7. The scaffolds present, or absent, in a given text e.g. key word glossary.

8. Text length. e.g. longer texts including a broad range of information.