



Annotate with Symbols

You can use symbols like a kind of shorthand when you annotate a text. Annotating a text helps you make connections as you are reading. It also makes it easier to find things in the text again without having to re-read the whole thing.

DIRECTIONS: Think of how you might use symbols to annotate a text. Draw a symbol of your choice (or indicate an action like underlining or highlighting) next to each kind of note you might want to make.

Symbol	What it Means
	Main Idea
	Key words or ideas
	Important words or phrases
	Unfamiliar words
	Things you don't understand
	Things that surprise you
	Things you can connect with
	Things you know you need to remember