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- 2) Generating questions (Fragenstellen an den Text - Vokabeln)
- 3) Clarifying (Klären von Unklarheiten - Inhalt)
- 4) Summarizing (Zusammenfassen)



And this is how it works:

1. Person number 1 predicts what the text / the paragraph is about.
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3. Person number 2 asks for words or phrases he doesn't understand. If nobody knows the answer you have to look up the meaning in a dictionary.
4. Person number 3 asks questions about the content, the meaning of the text.
5. Person number 4 summarizes the text.
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Help for person number 1 - predicting:

Task: Predict what the text is about in 1 or 2 sentences.

- I think this paragraph / text is about ...
- In my opinion this paragraph / text is about ...
- I think this paragraph / text deals with ...
- In my opinion the author wants to tell us ...
- I assume that the paragraph / text is about ...
- I suppose / imagine that the paragraph / text is about ...
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Help for person number 2 - generating questions:

Task: Ask questions about words or phrases you don't understand.

- What does ... mean in German?
- Does anyone know what ... means?
- Do you know the meaning of ... ?
- I have no idea what ... means. Can you look it up in the dictionary, please?
- Who knows what ... means?
- ...

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Help for person number 3 - clarifying:

Task: Ask questions about the content / meaning of the text.

- I don't know what the author means with ...
- I have no clue / no idea what the author wants to tell us with...
- I don't get the meaning of line(s) ...
- What does ... mean?
- Do you know what ... means?
- Who is ...? Where is ...? What is ...?
- Use the questions words: How? Where? What? When? Who? Which? Why?

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Help for person number 4 - summarizing:

Task: Summarize what the text is about in 1 or 2 sentences.

- This paragraph / text is about ...
- To summarize, the paragraph / text ...
- To put it in a nutshell, the text / paragraph is about ...
- To conclude, the text / paragraph is about ...
- To come to a conclusion, this paragraph / text ...
- This paragraph / the text deals with...
- ...