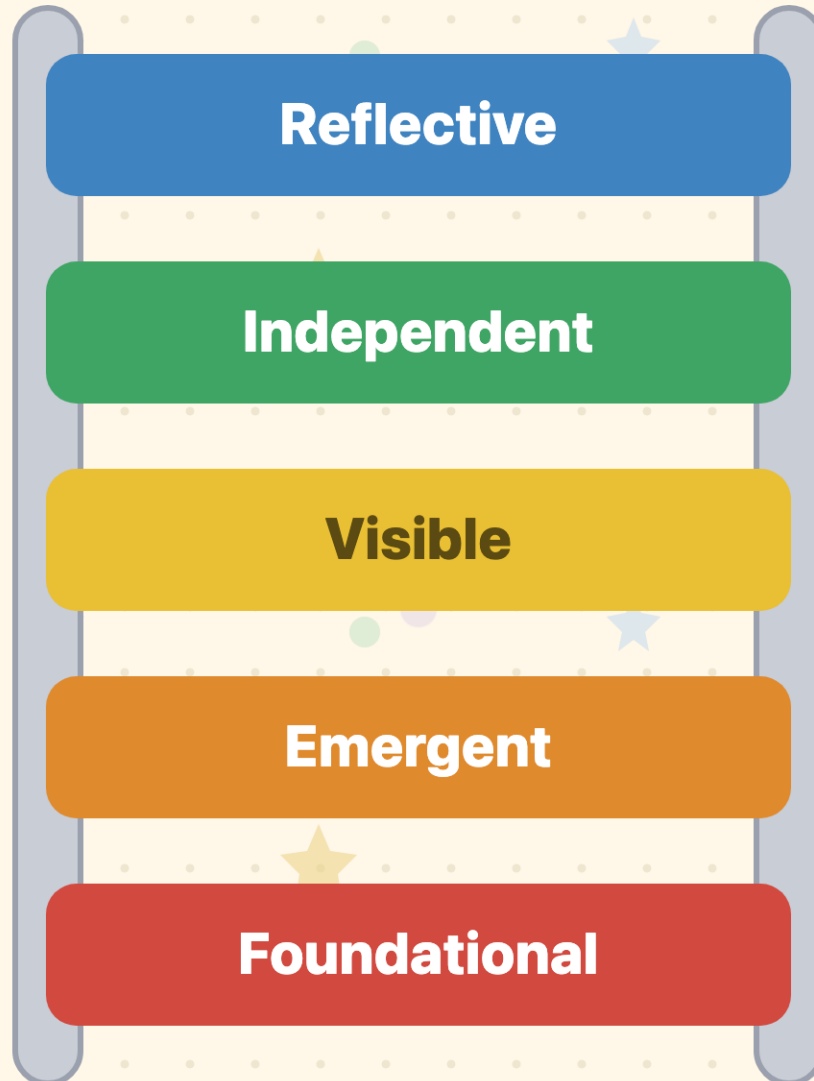


The Five Thinking Levels



Climb your thinking. Every writer starts where they are and reaches for the next rung, from remembering a fact to reflecting on what it all means.

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The Two Types of Prompts

WHY?

- ✦ **Complex sentence** with subordinating conjunctions
- ✦ Answers with **reasons**
- ✦ Example: Explain **why** it is important to be kind.

Clue words: importance, significance • reason, infer, meaning • most likely, whether • should, should not

These ask: Why does this matter?

HOW?

- ✦ **Simple sentence** with prepositions
- ✦ Answers with **ways and methods**
- ✦ Example: Explain **how** to be kind to others.

Clue words: influence, reveal • similarities, differences • ways, develop • show, demonstrate

These ask: How are ideas connected?

Power Words for Stronger Writing

Subordinating Conjunctions

- ♦ because
- ♦ since
- ♦ when
- ♦ after
- ♦ so that
- ♦ although
- ♦ even
- ♦ though
- ♦ due to
- ♦ given that
- ♦ in light of
- ♦ while
- ♦ if
- ♦ before
- ♦ unless

Common Prepositions

- ♦ by
- ♦ through
- ♦ in
- ♦ with
- ♦ during
- ♦ through
- ♦ the use of
- ♦ in
- ♦ response
- ♦ to
- ♦ based on
- ♦ at
- ♦ under
- ♦ over
- ♦ between
- ♦ across
- ♦ on

Explanations Anchor Chart

What an Explanation Does

An explanation sentence helps me tell

- ✦ what the evidence means
- ✦ why the evidence matters
- ✦ what I can understand from it

Explanation is NOT

- ✦ another quote
- ✦ a copy of the evidence
- ✦ a random thought

Our Two Bookends

DEEP FACTS bookends for now

D = Definition • S = Story or Anecdote

Sentence Reminder

- ✦ Capitalize the first word
- ✦ Punctuate the last word

Why We Use "THIS"

- ✦ points back to the evidence right before it
- ✦ is a demonstrative pronoun
- ✦ refers to something named and close by

Signal Markers

Definition: This means • This shows

Story or anecdote: This reminds me of • This makes me think of

Explanation Chant

"Wow! Wow! Wow! I'm explaining now!" Three fingers up on either side of the face for "Wow! Wow! Wow!", rolling hands in front of the body for "I'm explaining now."