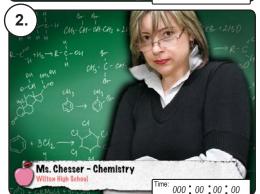
# Secondary Reading Instruction: Teaching Vocabulary and Comprehension in the Content Areas

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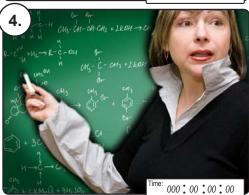
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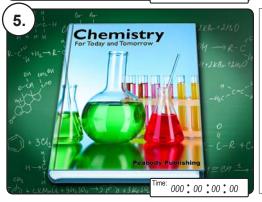
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She's teaching a lesson on chemical reactions, but her students can't seem to answer questions about their homework.

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When she asks them to open their textbooks and reread the assigned passages,

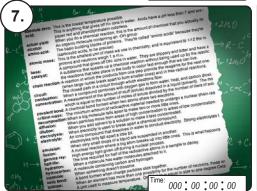
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her students accede (meaning that they do as she asks them to) but still they are unable to answer the questions.

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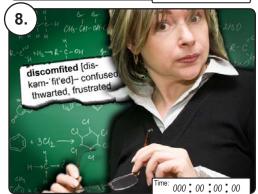


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Ms. Chesser begins to suspect that her students' troubles partly come from a difficulty understanding the chemistry vocabulary words.

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She's discomfited--that is, she's confused--because she told her students to look up the required vocabulary in the textbook's glossary.

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Somehow, though, her students are failing to use context clues to connect that information to what they read in their textbooks.

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Later, in the lunch room,

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Ms. Chesser has a confabulation--meaning a conversation--with some of her fellow teachers, and finds that they, too, share much of her confusion.

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She tells her colleagues that, even though she feels confident in her ability to teach science content, she is not prepared to teach reading comprehension to her students.

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The English teacher, Mr. Garrett, explains that he faces similar problems with time constraints and too much content to cover as it is

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Ms. Nor, the U.S. Government and Civics teacher, agrees that students need more help with reading comprehension,

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but hastens to add that she does not believe this to be her job.

The others, too, feel this is not their responsibility.

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But Ms. Chesser is indefatigable, which is one way to describe people who do not wish to give up.




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If it's not their job then whose job is it?

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Ms. Chesser wonders out loud, "How can we address the problem and help students learn and perform better?"

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No one at the table seems to know.



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Now Ms. Chesser is completely flummoxed, which is a vocabulary word indicating that she does not know what to do next.

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