

Making Generalizations

Skills Reviewed and Maintained

- **Comprehension**
Drawing conclusions
Making judgments
- **Writing**
Advertisements Posters

Teach

- Write the following statements on the board about generalizations and ask what they have in common. Have students answer the questions by making a generalization.
- Helps students to recognize what is valid generalization supported by facts.
- Have students survey their classmates about their week or activities they usually do. Students can write generalizations based on the surveys.
- Remind students that a person makes a generalization after thinking about a number of examples or facts and what they have in common.
- While students read the paragraph they have to find clue words that signal generalizations. Point out that these clue words make the statements valid by allowing for exceptions to the generalization.
- As students complete the exercise, check for their understanding.

Practice

Introducing Vocabulary

- Before students read the text, introduce the vocabulary words and discuss their meanings. Have students use the Glossary to find the definition of each word.

Reading the Passage

- Have students read the title, look at the pictures (if needed). Ask them what they expect to find out as they read. Encourage them to look for clue words that suggest generalizations.

Checking Comprehension

- Help students use details to draw conclusions about the topic.
- Remind students to use text details as well as their own reasoning to make judgments.

Practicing Comprehension Skills

- To identify generalizations in the interview

Practicing Vocabulary

- Have students underline the key words for generalizations. Discuss their answers as a group.

Apply

- Making the reading and writing connection
- Have students display their posters. Ask the class which generalizations, if any, seem interesting.

ESL Strategy

- Students can draw a picture showing a generalizations activity.

Multiple Intelligences: verbal-linguistic, bodily-kinesthetic, interpersonal

- Have partners role-play the interview with someone. Encourage them to include generalizations about a specific topic in their interview.

Home-school Connection

- Have students interview a family member about his or her work and transcribe the interview in a question and answer format. Have students underline any generalizations that are made in the interview.