

Text Coding

Text coding is a flexible teaching technique that works with any text to focus on reading strategies and comprehension.

Students read a text and use codes to show their comprehension. Codes can be changed depending on the level of the students, the type of text being used, and the focus on different reading strategies.

Here are some common codes:

^^ or :)	I like this or it is happy
ㅍㅍ or : (I don't like this or this is sad
?	I have a question about this
☆	This is important. This is the key information
!	This is funny
C	I have a connection (to myself or something else)
P	I have a prediction
+	I agree with this
-	I disagree with this
한	Translate a word to Korean

There are many more codes and you can create new codes for different texts.

For example you could create a code for Magic E and find examples in the text.

Let's practice with these sentences:

I like pizza. I don't like cake.

Math class is on Monday.

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Now turn over and practice with the other examples.

Elementary

Read the short story below and text code it with these codes:

^^ = happy

πππ = sad

C = make a connection

Lower Intermediate

Haley feels hot. Her mom touches her head. Haley has a fever. The mom takes Haley to a doctor. The doctor is kind. He gives her a sticker. He tells her to take some medicine. He tells her to drink a lot of water. Haley goes home. She takes the medicine and drinks water. She does this for three days. She is healthy again.

Upper Intermediate

Read the short story below and text code it with **any** of the codes on the previous page.

The link between salt (sodium) and hypertension (high blood pressure) is clear.

Consuming too much salt will raise your blood pressure.

The goal of experts is to reduce the amount of salt in your diet. Hypertension is a leading risk factor for heart attacks, strokes and kidney failure.

Where does the salt in diets come from? Most of it comes from processed foods.

Pizza, fried chicken and even the dressing in salads are sources of sodium.

Restaurants are another source. They use salt to put flavor in their dishes. In fact,

the value of salt to please taste buds is the reason so many people enjoy their food.