

# Workshop for Students: Literary Devices & Reading Strategies

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Delhi Public School in collaboration with Scholastic organized a workshop on 'Literary Devices and Reading Strategies' on January 17, 2020. The resource person for the same was Ms. Nikita Dutta Gupta who had a rich experience of 15 years of teaching English. She explained the importance of Literary & Poetic Devices to the students. She started with Idioms and Idiomatic sentences and also demonstrated Idioms used in different songs and explained their meanings which helped her in getting connected with the students in no time.

Then she explained Alliterations through tongue twisters. All the students participated in this activity and enjoyed chanting tongue twisters like:

- *Purple paper people, purple paper, people purple paper people.*
- *I thought a thought, but the thought I thought, I thought wasn't the thought I thought I thought.*



Then many other Literary and Poetic devices like Similes, Metaphor, Personification and Onomatopoeia were taken up in quick succession. The students participated enthusiastically in activity based explanations. The topics concluded with a quiz on all the Literary & Poetic Devices discussed during the session."

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know.*

*The more that you learn, the more places, you'll go."*

In accordance with the above mentioned quote by Dr. Seuss, the Resource Person made the students realize the purpose and joy of Reading.

Books that are too easy can make reading time boring, while those that are too difficult can cause your child to become frustrated, skip parts, and fail to understand what's happening. She explained 'Five Finger Rule' to the students which will serve as a quick and easy way for them to choose the book appropriate to their age/level. For every word that they don't know, they should hold up a finger.

0 or 1 - Most probably too easy for your child.

2 - A good choice that will give your child a reasonable challenge and allow them to learn new words.

3 - Your child might need some help, but still a good choice if they're up for a challenge.

4 - May be too difficult for your child to read on their own. If you are on hand to give them help or read along with them it can be suitable, but if they are reading on their own, choose a different book.

5 - Most probably a bit too advanced, try a different book.

The workshop proved very informative and enriching for the students.

## **Workshop for Teachers: Teacher as a Leader of the Classroom**

*"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more,  
do more and become more, You are a leader".*

-John Quincy Adams



Delhi Public School in collaboration with Scholastic organized a workshop for teachers on the topic "Teacher as a Leader". The resource person Ms. Nikita Dutta Gupta started the workshop with a question "Do you think that Teacher is a leader? How?"

Then she discussed many important roles played by a teacher and evolving aspects of teaching these days. She focused on the notion that a good teacher should have good leadership qualities such as:

- Leading by the example
- Being More accountable
- Nurturing other leaders
- Impacting relationships
- Coaching, not Teaching



The resource person also explained the importance of effective communication skills in a teacher. As all the knowledgeable people cannot be teachers because imparting knowledge using effective communication skills is the primary requisite of the teaching learning process and it helps a teacher to connect with his/her students. Effective communication does not only include lecturing the subject matter but good listening skills, open mindedness, feedback and understanding non verbal gestures are also important aspects of it.

The resource person further discussed about the following qualities to look in oneself to be a good teacher.

- Inspiring
- Non judgemental
- Not being defensive
- Confident
- Basic goodness

The workshop concluded with a discussion on the importance of creativity in classroom as it helps in emotional development, freedom of expression and creative thinking. The workshop succeeded in reinforcing the spark in the teachers affirming the belief-

*"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."*

*-Henry Adams*