Text Coding

Explanation:

Explain to your child that using the symbols below will help you pay attention to your own understanding of what you are reading.

Activity:

Have your child draw the symbols in the margin at each point where his/her thinking fits into one of the seven categories below.

(Note: If unable to write on the reading passages (for example, a textbook) draw the symbol on a small sticky note and place it alongside the appropriate part of the passage.)

Symbol	Meaning
~	Confirms what you thought
X	Contradicts what you thought
?	Raises a question
	you'd like to discuss with others
??	Confuses you
	go back and reread
	Seems important
	Answers a question
!	Is new, interesting,
	or surprising
	An unknown word
	or a word that gets repeated