

30-Minute Sentence Analysis Checklist

Purpose:

This checklist helps teachers diagnose sentence-level comprehension problems and redesign reading instruction to support deeper understanding.

BEFORE READING (10 minutes)

- Identify the sentence(s) carrying the main idea of the paragraph.
- Predict where the focus of information is likely to appear.
- Check if sentence length or structure may overload learners.

WHILE READING (10 minutes)

- Ask learners which part of the sentence carries the core meaning.
- Highlight clauses that add information vs. those that carry focus.
- Discuss why the writer chose this structure (active/passive, clause order).

AFTER READING (10 minutes)

- Ask learners to restate the core meaning in one sentence.
- Remove or simplify one clause and discuss how meaning changes.
- Connect sentence structure to paragraph coherence.

Reflection for Teachers:

- Did sentence analysis improve comprehension speed?
- Which structure caused the most difficulty and why?