What makes successful and independent readers?

Reading takes place in many areas of life and for many different reasons. Successful readers use a range of strategies to understand an author’s message.

Successful readers:

- Show an interest in reading
- Read for the purpose of understanding
- Understand there are different types of books for different purposes
- Apply different strategies when reading different books
- Read for meaning, and stop when they don’t understand
- Select and use a range of strategies to re-read for meaning
- Try a range of strategies, not stop or give up on one
- Read with optimism, even if they make errors
- Understand what the author is saying
- Read to learn and for enjoyment
- Appreciate how reading contributes to learning