If I don't know a word, I can:

Sound it out



Look at the picture.



Read the rest of the sentence and think about what might make sense.



The _____ cat ran away.

Cover up part of the word and break it down.



Look for chunks I know (e.g. air, ee).

I must always:

Go back and read the sentence again if I don't understand.



Ask what words mean if I don't know.



Think about what I'm reading.