# Clarifying



## What is clarifying and why do we do it?

To clarify something is to try and understand the meaning. This is done in 2 ways:

- 1. Identifying or admitting being stuck on a word or idea
- 2. Working out how to solve the problem

# What makes good clarifying?

- ✓ Stopping and checking we understand as we read
- ✓ Independently using as many strategies as possible such as context and grammar

I think the word bimonthly means every 2 months here because I know that the prefix bi means 2 and it fits the context of the sentence.

### Your turn:





CHAPTER ONE

Vita set her jaw and nodded at the city in greeting, as a boxer greets an opponent before a fight.

She stood alone on the deck of the ship. The sea was wild and stormy, casting salt spray thirty feet into the air, and all the other passengers on the ocean liner, including her mother, had taken sensible refuge in their cabins.

#### Clarifying Stems

- •I think that means
- I didn't understand
- •What does \* mean?
- I need to reread this part because
- •\* is a tricky word so I
- ∙I didn't understand \* sσ I
- •Let's reread because it doesn't make sense

Which word tells us that most of the passengers had hidden from the bad weather?