What is Talking to the Text (TttT)?

• Talking to the Text is when a person puts down their thoughts in writing or when one draws mental pictures while reading.
• As one reads, it’s important that he or she writes on the text, on notepaper, or on a post-it notes.
• Symbols are used as a way of labeling one’s thoughts or pictures. For instance, if a reader writes down a prediction, he or she can use the prediction symbol to indicate that thought. It helps the reader organize their work!

Advantages of Talking to the Text

1. Utilizes all 7 strategies of a good reader to improve comprehension
2. Prepares the reader to discuss the text
3. Allows time to analyze one’s personal reading process (metacognitive thinking)
4. Engages the reader so one can connect to the text
5. Improves one’s ability to think about the content of the text