Talking to the Text is a strategy where students have the opportunity to share their ideas about a reading selection. Students may either write their thoughts on a selection or use stick notes. Talking to the Text is actually the “RELATE” portion of the SQ4R reading strategy.

How to Use the Strategy:

1. Teacher models Talking to the Text on the overhead by jotting notes in the margin, asking questions, making predictions, underlining, and/or highlighting a piece of text.
2. Students name the techniques they notice the teacher doing as he/she writes.
How to Use the Strategy:

3. Whole class compiles a chart of these strategies.
4. Students try it with a new piece of text.
5. Sticky notes may be used to write thought on if they are unable to write on reading piece