Confused? Fix-Up Steps

These "Fix-Up Steps" can be used when you get stopped by a “roadblock” while reading. Try applying to your text for help clarifying any points of confusion, and remember... it’s cool to be confused!

1. Ignore the unclear part and read on to see whether it gets clearer or the unclear part turns out to be unimportant (that is, you can still understand what you are reading).

2. Reread the unclear part (more carefully).

3. Reread the sentence(s) before the unclear part.

4. Try to connect the unclear part to something you already know.

5. Get outside help (from peers, the teacher, or resource materials).