Anticipation Activity Content Area: **Possible Sentences**

(Stahl & Kapinus, 1991)

See Reading Rockets for Lesson Plan and Resources: <http://www.readingrockets.org/strategies/possible_sentences>

Possible sentences is a pre-reading vocabulary strategy that activates students' prior knowledge about content area vocabulary and concepts.

**Before reading**, students are provided a short list of vocabulary words from their reading (8-10). Note from KS: I recommend putting words in two columns (more familiar/less familiar) so that students are forced to include the more complex difficult words in their sentences.

Students create, based on their prediction of what the reading will be about, a meaningful sentence or two that includes TWO WORDS in each sentence. A few sentences are shared with the class and put on chart paper.

**During reading**--Students read the content material that contains the list of words.

**After reading**, the teacher reviews the sentences on chart paper and discusses accuracy and necessary revisions to make them accurate. Then students check to see if their "possible sentences" were accurate and revise as necessary.