

Task for *It's Raining in Mango*

Presentation Planner

Think aloud model (adapted from *Teacher Modelling using Complex Texts* by Douglas Fisher and Nancy Frey)

What the teacher does:	What the teacher says:
1. Name the strategy, skill, or task.	As I read this text, I'm thinking about the title and how it focuses on my key idea – <i>landscape</i> . I notice that it says <i>Being a Queenslander</i> and I think about how this suggests a state of being through the present continuous tense.
2. Use analogies to link prior knowledge to new learning.	The title reminds me of the election campaign of Kevin Rudd in 2007 when he said: <i>I'm Kevin, I'm from Queensland and I am here to help</i> . I wonder why and how being from Queensland is distinctive from being from other parts of Australia. I think about place and landscape and how it can frame how we see ourselves and represent ourselves to other people.
3. Name the strategy, skill, or task.	As I read this text, I'm thinking about the organisational system the author used. This is a lecture, a speech, published in 1976, so I am looking for its voice and perspective.
4. State the purpose of the strategy, skill, or task.	When I figure out the organisation, I can better follow what the author is trying to tell me, and it helps me anticipate what the author will do next. For example, how will the perspective be established; in this case, how a sense of innate belonging to a particular place frames identity.
5. Explain when the strategy or skill is used.	I often use this approach when I start to read an informational text to see if there is a structure or organisation that I'm familiar with. If there is, I can also use my knowledge of the organisation to take notes.
6. Demonstrate how the skill, strategy, or task is completed.	I've just read the first two paragraphs and I can tell that this article is going to connect to the idea of <i>mindscape</i> . Astley doesn't use that word. I recognise this idea because she writes that she is <i>a passionately arrogant one</i> . I notice her voice is particularly strong here.