



**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

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# **CHAPTER 1**

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# READING

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# EFFECTIVE READING

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- Skimming
- Scanning
- Intensive reading
- Extensive reading



# SKIMMING

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Sometimes you will read just to get a **general idea of a text**. This is skim reading. First, identify your **reason for reading**, for example, to decide whether an article meets your needs or perhaps to understand a writers' attitude.



# SKIMMING

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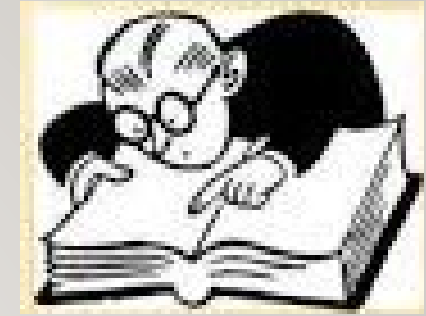


How to skim:

- ✓ Read the text very quickly. Don't worry about reading and understanding everything.
- ✓ Look particularly at the first and last paragraphs, and the first and last sentences of paragraphs. These often summarize the main points. (**Abstract and Conclusion**).
- ✓ Review tables and figures

# SCANNING

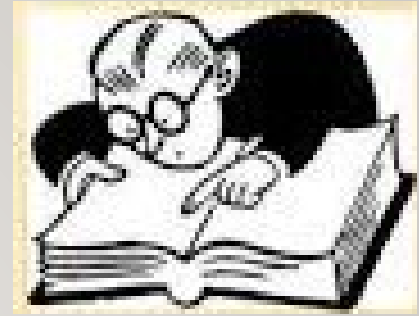
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Sometimes you will **read quickly** to **find particular pieces of information**, for example, **an equation, a device, properties, or a chart**. Again, you do not need to read every word to find this information.

# SCANNING

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## How to scan

- ✓ Know what information you are searching for even before you start to read (write it down)
- ✓ Scan the text using your finger or a pencil to move quickly through the words. You could time yourself to see how long it takes you to find the information. Always try to improve your speed.
- ✓ Only look for the information which you need.

# INTENSIVE READING

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Sometimes you read for **every detail**, for example, a **description of a process**, the results of a scientific study, or a set literature text.





# INTENSIVE READING

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How to read intensively:

- ✓ Take your time.
- ✓ Stop and think about what you are reading. Have you understood the text?
- ✓ You may need to read the text more than once, in order to make notes or highlight important points for future reference.



# EXTENSIVE READING

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Sometimes you will read for pleasure — perhaps as extra research, or purely for interest. You may concentrate, but you don't have to worry about detail. This is extensive reading.



# WRITING

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# WRITING EMAILS

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- Requesting a paper/papers
- Ordering device(s)/material(s)

# EMAIL CONSTRUCTION

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Dear ????,

Introductory statement

Body

Finishing statement

Warm Regards,

YOUR NAME

Your Affiliation

For paper request, the body includes:

- Introducing yourself
- The details of the requested paper: Title, journal, volume, issue, and publishing year

For device/material request, the body includes:

- Introducing yourself
- The device/material name, specifications, quantity, and price

# REQUESTING A PAPER/PAPERS

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Dear Dr. Rooker,

I hope my email finds you well.

I am a MSc student in Chemical Engineering Department- Tikrit University. I am working on Electrochemical microstructured reactors.

I read your amazing paper entitled “Electrochemical microstructured reactors: design and application in organic synthesis“ published in Reviews in Applied Electrochemistry 39, 2297 (2009). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10800-009-9939-6>. I find it very helpful for my work. I appreciate if you could send me a copy of it. This will greatly help me with my work.

Thank you for your consideration,

Warm regards,

Ahmed F. Ali, MSc student

Chemical Engineering Department, Tikrit University

# ORDERING DEVICE(S)/ MATERIAL(S)

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for taking time to read my email.

I am a MSc student in Mechanical Engineering Department- Tikrit University. I am working on nano-materials.

In my experimental work, I need a 35 g of nano-Cu. Would you please let me know if you have some? If so, please send me a quote.

Warm regards,

Ahmed F. Ali, MSc student

Mechanical Engineering Department, Tikrit University

# ASSIGNMENT

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Write an email to request a paper or order a device or a material.



# VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT

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# DICTIONARY WORK

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Word information in dictionaries:

- ✓ Part of speech (noun, pronoun, verb, adjective, adverb, preposition, conjunction, and interjection)
- ✓ Stress (Word stress indicates which syllables are stressed - or emphasised - in a word)
- ✓ Pronunciation
- ✓ Definitions
- ✓ Example sentences

Text

Documents

DETECT LANGUAGE

ENGLISH

ARABIC

SPANISH



accommodation



pronunciation  
stress

əˌkɑːməˈdeɪʃ(ə)n



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Definitions of accommodation

part of speech

Noun

definition

example sentences

1

a convenient arrangement; a settlement or compromise.

"management was seeking an accommodation with labor"

Synonyms:

arrangement

understanding

settlement

accord

deal

bargain

compromise

2

the process of adapting or adjusting to someone or something.

"accommodation to a separate political entity was not possible"

Synonyms:

adjustment

adaptation

attunement

fitting in

habituation

acclimatization

acclimation

acculturation

inurement

hardening

seasoning

conditioning

familiarization

assimilation

integration

pronunciation  
no stress

part of speech

definition

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soil



soil



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### Definitions of soil

#### Noun

- ① the upper layer of earth in which plants grow, a black or dark brown material typically consisting of a mixture of organic remains, clay, and rock particles.

"blueberries need very acid soil"

Synonyms:

earth loam sod ground dirt clay turf topsoil mold humus  
marl dust

- ② waste matter, especially sewage containing excrement.

#### Verb

- ① make dirty.

"he might soil his expensive suit"

Synonyms:

make mucky muck up dirty get/make dirty get/make filthy blacken  
grime begrime stain muddy splash spot spatter splatter  
smear smudge sully spoil defile pollute contaminate foul  
befoul

- ② feed (cattle) on fresh-cut green fodder (originally for the purpose of purging them).

catalyst



ˈkɑd(ə)ləst



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### Definitions of catalyst

**Noun**

①

a substance that increases the rate of a chemical reaction without itself undergoing any permanent chemical change.

"chlorine acts as a catalyst promoting the breakdown of ozone"

### Examples of catalyst

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chlorine acts as a **catalyst** promoting the breakdown of ozone

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