



To: Teachers and Parents

Topic: **Reading techniques**

Message Objective(s): **Learners have to acquire reading techniques that will allow:**

- ✓ Obtaining an overview and identifying the theme of a text quickly
- ✓ Extraction of specific information
- ✓ Developing a detailed and critical understanding of the text
- ✓ Reading for pleasure

**Message:** A learner's reading skills are important for their success and will allow them to access the various aspects of the curriculum in their academic careers. Reading can also be fun and a creative time for learners, and it can open doors to all kinds of opportunities. Today's message will therefore focus on **reading techniques**.

- **Skimming** is reading quickly to get the main idea of the text. Learners can read the first and last paragraph and check for anything that is **bold** or in *italics*.
- **Scanning** is reading a text quickly in order to find specific information. E.g. *names of birds*
- **Intensive** reading requires specific aims for undertaking reading. It helps with retention of information for long periods. Information read can be retrieved for application and analysis.
- **Extensive reading** involves reading for pleasure . It requires fluid decoding and assimilation of the text and content.

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