

Reading Skills

A good reader does as many of the following as possible:

- **Thinks** about what the author is saying
- **Concentrates** on what is being read
- **Remembers** as much as possible
- **Applies** what is being read to personal experience



The following, if put into practice, will help you get more from what you read

- **Think about the subject you are going to read**
 1. What do you know about the subject?
 2. What do you want to learn about the subject?
 3. After you read – What have you learned?
- **Skim the section you are going to read**
 1. Do you see anything familiar?
 2. Do you see anything new?
 3. What is your overall impression?
- **Read for comprehension – make notes of the important parts**
 1. Use a post-it note or an index card and write down the main ideas. This will help you to review what you have read
 2. If you are not sure if you understand something, stop and re-read it
 3. Think of where else you may find info about the same topic, i.e. other books, the Internet, etc.
- **Recall to yourself what you have just read.**
 1. Stop occasionally as you are reading and put into your own words what you have just read
 2. At the end of a section, recall what the main points were
 3. Discussing what you have just read with another student will also help clarify your thinking
- **Textbooks**
 1. Read the Title and the Author of the text
 2. When was it published? (details usually on back of title page)
 3. Read the Table of Contents
 4. Thumb through the book, e.g. are there pictures, charts, maps etc.
 5. What impression do you have about the text – is it easy to read/understand?
 6. After you have done all of the above, go back and do it again in a more detailed way

For further information click on the link below:

[Know It All](#)

The following book may also be of interest:

A Practical Approach to Reading Skills Author: Evans, Jean 428.4