

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SEMESTER 2: 2023-2024 CHAPTER 6

INSTRUCTOR

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Text book: Headway Academic Skills: Reading, Writing, and Study Skills, Level 3. By: Sarah Philpot and Lesley Curnick



READING

Dealing with longer texts

To read longer texts effectively, make sure you have enough time for the task and do the following:

Survey

Survey the material to decide whether it is useful:

- ✓ Look at the title, headings, pictures, or graphs.
- ✓ Look at the style of the text and where it has come from.

Question

Ask yourself: What do I already know? What do I want to know? Make

questions: What ...? Where ...? When ...? Why ...?

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Read

- ✓ First, skim the text to see how the information is organized and to get a general idea:
 - Read the title and any headings.
 - Read the first sentence of a few paragraphs.

Is the information you need there?

- ✓ Secondly, scan the text to find specific pieces of information:
 - Use what you learnt from surveying and skimming the text to locate the information you need.
 - Move quickly through the text. Do not read every word.
 - Stop when you come to the information you want. Answer as many of your questions as possible.
- ✓ Then read the text intensively (You will often need to understand the details in a text.), and highlight useful information. Underline any key vocabulary.
- ✓ Read the highlighted parts of the text again and make notes to answer your questions.



WRITING

CHECKING YOUR WRITING

After completing the first draft of your manuscript, put it aside for a while. It is easier to check the content with 'fresh' eyes. Check for:

<u>Purpose</u>

Is the purpose of the manuscript to describe, explain, persuade, analyse, discuss, compare, or evaluate?

Content

Does the manuscript:

- introduce the topic clearly?
- include all the main points?
- exclude irrelevant or inappropriate information?
- give examples and explanations?
- conclude appropriately?

Organization

- Are the ideas in a logical order?
- Is the writing divided into paragraphs?
- Are ideas linked appropriately?

VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT

COLLOCATION

Collocation are words which frequently appear together. Recognizing these collocations helps you understand a text better and improve your reading speed. If you use them in your writing, it will sound more natural.

- verb + adverb, e.g. damage extensively
- adverb + adjective, e.g. completely different

