

Student Handout: Unit 1 Lesson 3



Reading Strategy: Skim, Scan And Predict

Skimming	
Description	Skimming means reading quickly to find the BIG IDEAS.
Purpose	Skimming lets you: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read quickly to get an overall sense of the main ideas in the text• Decide before you read for detail if you can use the text for your purposes• Decide if you should read it more carefully for more details
Process	First: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read the first few paragraphs, a few paragraphs in the middle, and the final paragraph of the text OR <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read the first and last sentence of each paragraph (topic sentence/concluding sentence) Second: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Glance through any graphics and their captions (text around the graphic to explain it)
Here's how you already do this:	For example, when you use a phone book yellow pages, you: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "take in" the entire page
Helpful Hints	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don't read every word when you skim!• Read quickly and horizontally ➡