

## Student Handout: Unit 1 Lesson 3



### Reading Strategy: Skim, Scan And Predict (continued)

Predicting	
<b>Description</b>	After skimming or scanning a text, make a few guesses about it: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is this text about?</li><li>• What clues suggest the topic?</li><li>• What likely happens in this text?</li></ul>
<b>Purpose</b>	Predicting lets you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Think about a topic before reading in greater detail.</li><li>• Identify what you already know about a topic</li><li>• Keeps your mind focused as you read</li></ul>
<b>Process</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Skim the text, and note any headings; graphics; bolded text, etc.</li><li>2. Stop. Write a few guesses. You may use a few prompts to get you started:  "I think this text is about..." "Something that likely happens in this text is..."</li><li>3. Begin the text.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check at your guesses. Are they correct?</li><li>• Change your predictions as you read.</li></ul></li></ol>
<b>Here's how you already do this:</b>	When you are watching a mystery on TV, you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Watch the first few minutes and say "I'll bet this guy (or gal) did it!"</li><li>• You continue to watch, and gather more clues</li><li>• Maybe you change your mind &amp; yell out "No – wait – I think it's (so and so)!"</li></ul> <p><i>Reading text is no different – make a prediction; read a bit; go back &amp; change your prediction; read a bit more...</i></p>
<b>Helpful Hints</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read the text 1 section at a time.</li><li>• Check your predictions: are they right?</li><li>• Change your predictions.</li></ul>