

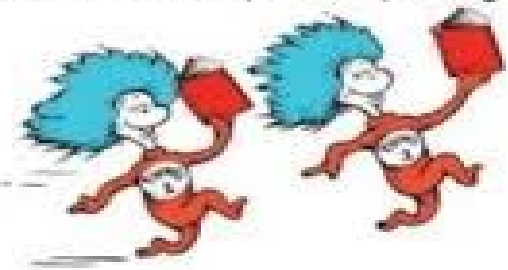
# Sharpening up my reading techniques

TODAY A READER  
TOMORROW A LEADER

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The MORE  
that you read,  
the MORE things  
you will know.  
The MORE that you  
Learn,  
the MORE places you'll go.



*A book is a gift you can  
open again and again.*

*—Garrison Keillor*

# Skimming

## What is skimming?

- Skimming is a **fast** reading technique.
- It can help you to identify quickly the **main ideas** in a text.
- It can help you to get a **general understanding** of what the text is about and whether it is going to be useful.



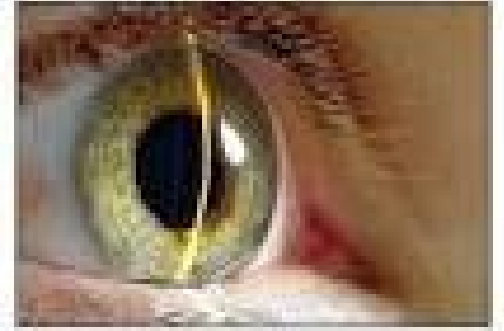
## How can I use skimming

- Run your **eyes quickly over the text**. Look at headlines, headings, subheadings, titles, the opening lines of paragraphs and words that signal a new point is being made.
- You don't read the whole text word-for-word.

## Why is skimming a good reading technique?

- Skimming will help you to decide if the text is **interesting and/ or relevant to what you are trying to do**

# Scanning



- Scanning is another **fast** reading technique.
- Scanning can help you to find information in or answer questions about a text.
- You don't read the whole text word-for-word.
- **HOW to scan a text?**
  - think about **key words or phrases** you are looking for and run a finger down the middle of the page then allow eyes to move quickly across until you find what you are looking for.



# Close Reading

- Close reading comes **after** skimming or scanning.
- It can help you to answer questions or make notes on a specific topic or area when you need to explore the details in the text.
- This is where you **read the text word-for-word**.
- Once you have found **key words or phrases**, students can **read around them** to find more information.

## How to use close reading?

- Read all the words in a short section. Read and reread difficult sections, thinking about your interpretation of what you have read. You could highlight key points and paraphrase what you understand the writer is saying.



What Close Reading Actually Means