

Reading for Understanding – Year 7





What is Reading for Understanding?

In order to be successful in study one of the core activities that you need to master is understanding what you're reading. Can you recall the main ideas in a text when you need them? Can you understand if a writer is creating an atmosphere or a 'feel' to the text? Could you recall facts and figures? Or could you tell someone something about one of the people in the text?



Follow these 5 Steps!

1. Survey – scan the text looking for things like **HEADINGS, SUMMARIES, OPENING SENTENCES, VISUALS LIKE GRAPHS & PICTURES, ANY QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT GUIDE YOU.** This can help you gain an idea of what it's about.
2. Question – read it properly and then write down three things that you think the text is about.

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3. Read it again to firm up your understanding. Can you change any of the answers you had to your questions?
4. Write – take notes of things you find important. You could even write key words in the margin of the text.
5. Recall and Review – Close the text and cover your notes. Write down up to 5 things that you understand about the text (give yourself 1 minute). Check this against your notes and the text.



The First Test of Your Reading Skills

Can you remember and write down the 5 Steps?

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Try it with the text

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