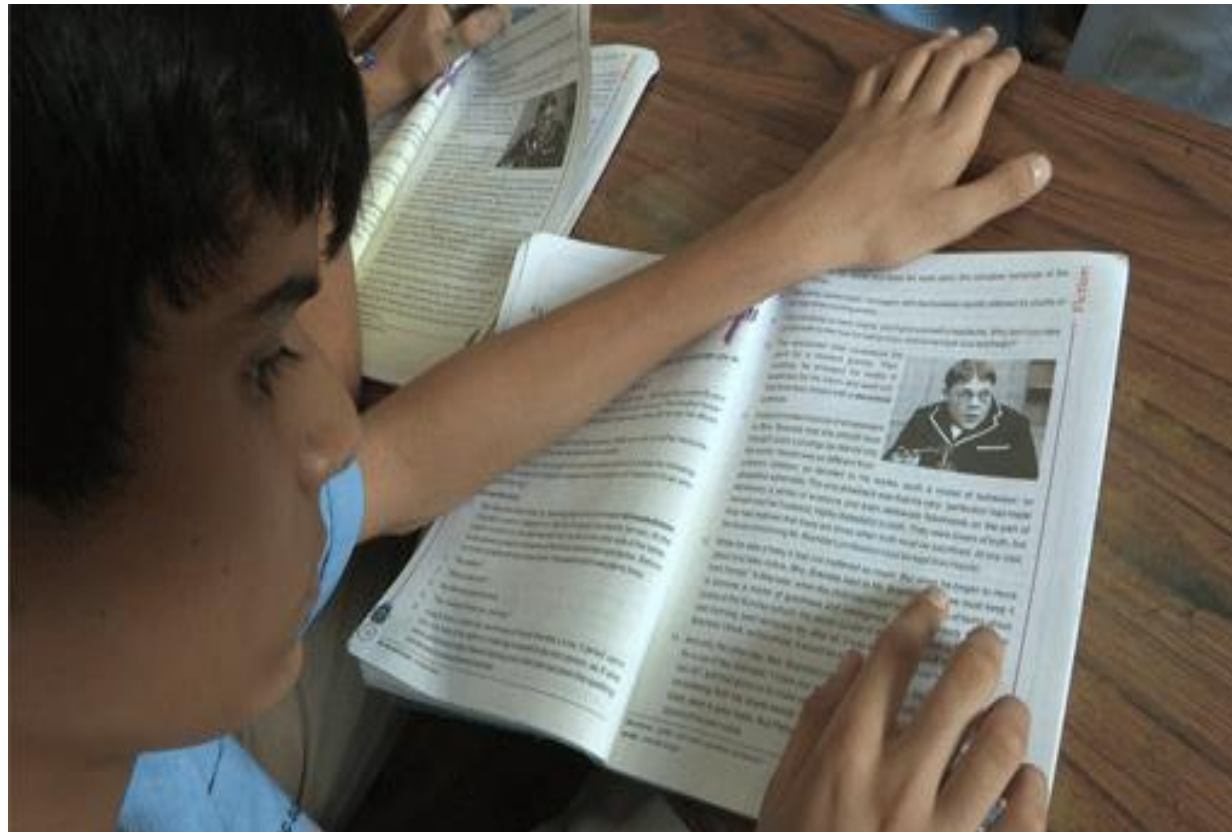




## Reading for Understanding – Year 8





## **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 as the things above can give hints.
2. Question – read it properly and then ask yourself a) What is the text about, b) What do I already know about the subject?

## Follow these 5 Steps!

3. Read it again to confirm 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?

1. Survey - Scan for hints.
2. Question – what is it about, what do I know already etc.
3. Read again
4. Write – notes on important points
5. Recall – cover your notes and the text – write down 5 things you understand about the text.



## Try it with the text

1. Survey - Scan for hints.
2. Question – write down three things you understand about the text
3. Read again
4. Write – notes on important points
5. Recall & Review – cover your notes and the text – write down 5 things you understand about the text.