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BA SY CE III  
Sub skills of Reading

## Types of Reading

- Types of Reading
- Skimming.
- Scanning.
- Intensive.
- Extensive.

## Skimming

- Skimming is sometimes referred to as gist reading where you're trying to glance over the material to grasp the main idea.
- The way you do this is to read the first and last paragraph and check for any dark headings.
- Skimming may help in order to know what the text is about at its most basic level.
- You can reach a speed count of even 700 words per minute if you train yourself well in this particular method. There are unique courses with [speed reading techniques that you won't find elsewhere online](#) that will show you how to use both traditional and hi-tech speed reading methods.

## Scanning

- Scanning involves getting your eyes to quickly scuttle across sentence and is used to get just a simple piece of information. You'll be searching for specific words or phrases that will give you more information and answer questions you may have.
- Interestingly, research has concluded that reading off a computer screen actually inhibits the pathways to effective scanning and thus, reading of paper is far more conducive to speedy comprehension of texts.

## Intensive Reading

- You need to have your aims clear in mind when undertaking intensive [reading](#).
- Remember this is going to be far more time consuming than scanning or skimming
- If you need to list the chronology of events in a long passage, you will need to read it intensively
- This type of reading has indeed been beneficial to language learners as it helps them understand vocabulary by deducing the meaning of words in context.

## Extensive Reading

- Extensive reading involves reading for pleasure.
- Because there is an element of enjoyment in extensive reading it is unlikely that students will undertake extensive reading of a text they do not like.
- It also requires a fluid decoding and assimilation of the text and content in front of you.