

# READING SKILLS

- Reading skills refers to the ability to understand information presented in black and white and leads a person to interact and gain meaning from written language.
- Two types of communication skills – 1. Receptive (Listening and Reading), 2. Productive (Speaking and Writing).
- Reading in modern times is regarded as the most “enigmatic” of language skills.

Enables



Understanding of textbook, assignments, article in newspaper and journal or various business documents.

Facilitates



One's interpretation of “What to do, “When to do” and “Why to do”.



**Reading  
Strategies**

Skim

Scan

KWL

Learn  
affixes

Skip

Summarize

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# Reading Strategies

- **Skim:** read for quick idea.
- **Scan:** read for well reason details.
- **KWL:** well aimed reading for what you Know about the topic, what you Want to know, and what you Learned.
- **Skip:** consistent efforts even at the phase of blockage like difficult words or ornamented language.
- Identify- **headings, subtitles** and **keywords**.
- **Summarize** - retelling or conceptualising.
- Word Power – focus on prefixes and suffixes to enrich vocab treasure.



# Reading Techniques

## Skimming

(Process of reading only key ideas/main ideas. Focus on sentences/ paragraphs not in words)

## Scanning

(X- Raying or screening the text quickly for immediate information. Searches key words ideas and concepts)

## Extensive Reading

(Reading of grist helps in general understanding of a text (wide reading ) Focus on comprehension of main ideas)

## Intensive Reading

(Brown calls it "Zoom lens strategy also called "Narrow reading")

# Five Pillars of Reading Skills

## Decoding

Decoding heavily embodies phonemic awareness. Phonemic awareness/ability to hear and manipulate different sounds into words. For this an awareness of syllables, words, and sounds is requisite step.

## Phonics

Phonics is the ability to recognize the connection between sounds and letters they make. This process of mapping the sounds in words to written words is a very important reading skill. Children first decode the words into sounds and encode the sounds into words as they write and spell.

## Vocabulary

A good vocabulary is the most fundamental part of academic success for copious vocabulary. Reading skill is necessary to understand the meaning of words, their definitions, and their context.

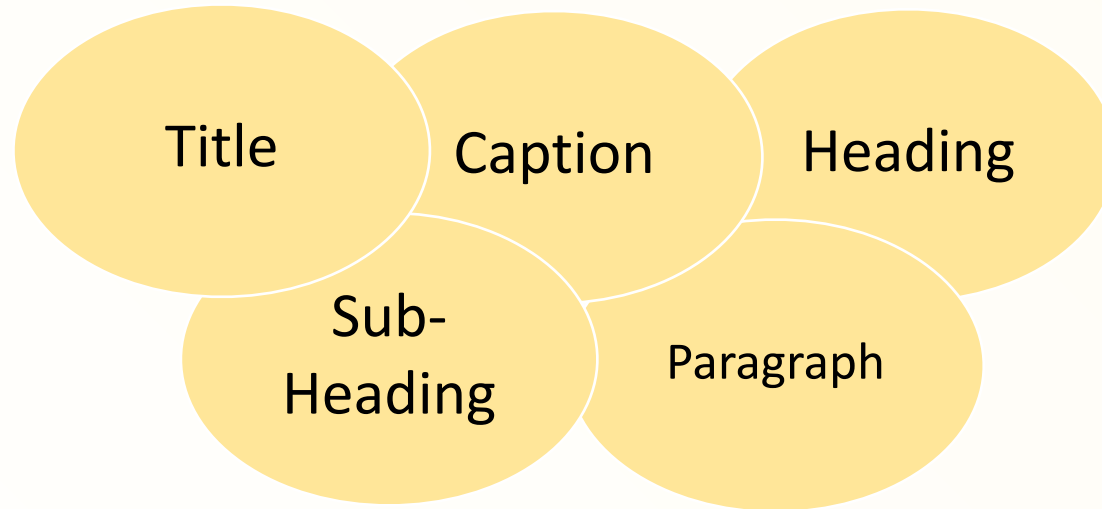
## Fluency

Fluency in reading is a know how- to read smoothly, at a good pace, using proper tone, and without making too many errors for easy comprehension of surface and deep meaning of the text understudy.

## Reading Comprehension

This is a complex skill that requires time and practice to develop fully. Understand the meaning of the text – both in storybooks and information books deepens the understanding of new topics and concepts.

# Components of Reading



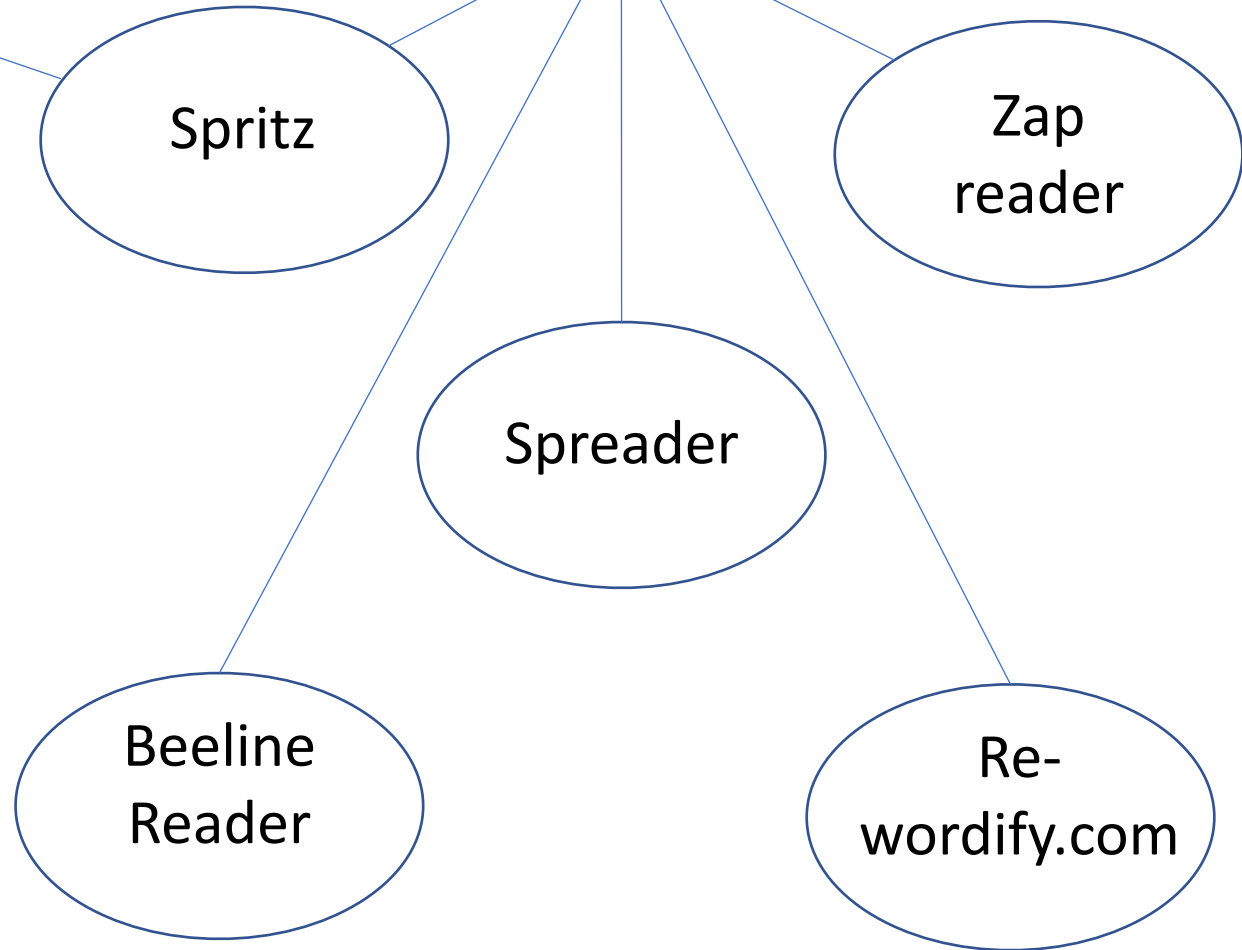
# Reading Tests

- Find the gist or main idea
- Summarize
- Locate details
- Understand inferences
- Guess what is in-between lines, Guess what a reading will be about, Guess what will happen next
- Identify genre and style
- Identify key words
- Sort information

Facilitates skimming and facilitates increasing the speed at which one reads a digital tool which presents words one at a time on screen at different speed

# DIGITAL RESOURCES

## Digital Resources for reading speed enhancement-





# Reading Categories



**Fiction:** Writing that describes imaginary events and people (such as short stories and novels):

Classics, Crime and Mystery, Fantasy, Horror, Literary Fiction, Popular Fiction, Romance, Science Fiction, Women's Fiction, Young Adult Fiction

**Non-Fiction:** Writing about facts, real events and real people (such as history and biography):

Arts and Crafts, Autobiography, Biography, Cooking, Gardening, History, How to, Memoir, Science, Self-help, Technology, Travel

# Importance of Reading

## 1. Bettering Communication Skills

- Swedish-American writer Frans Johansson, in his book *The Medici Effect*, explains how creativity is intersectional and are winged words.
- Reading and writing work in similar ways. Reading improves one's writing style and flow. Whereas writing perfect stands craft by taking inspiration from other writers.
- Another vital role of reading skills in better communication skills by perfecting one's oratory skills. Reading teaches one's new words and perspectives.

# Importance of Reading

## **2. Shaping yourself/ Upgrading yourself**

- Books work as portals to newer worlds. They have the potential to broaden your perspective, shape your attitude towards others and life, and open you up to new ways of thinking about everyday life.
- Reading helps to shape one's identity.

## **3. Becoming a well-read individual/ Becoming a ready wit**

- Well-read individuals are held in awe ready wits with rich wisdom.
- Reading provides the collective wisdom of prevailing times. One of the great benefits of reading is that it helps one evolve one's understanding of the world.

# Importance of Reading

## 4. Pep one up

- Books can be a perfect escape from reality for they transport one's bad mood to happy regions and recycles the affected spirit.
- One of the benefits of reading is that it relaxes one's mind and body and recharge energy levels much faster.