

Reading for Specific Information

Reading for specific information means locating information in a text quickly.

Reading for specific information is important because.... Scientists have lots and lots of material to read.

I use reading for specific information when ... I am looking for specific answers to questions on my inquiry chart.



A closer look: Skimming & Scanning

I move my finger along the text looking for key words, but I do **NOT** read everything.

When I see a key word from my list, I slow down and read.

When I read for specific information, I...

- Think of **key words** to answer my question.
- Brainstorm key words authors might use that are similar to my key words.
- Skim and scan across the text, including pictures, captions, and graphs.
- If the text answers my question → jot notes on my inquiry chart.
- If not → keep skimming and scanning.