Skimming & Scanning for Specific Information
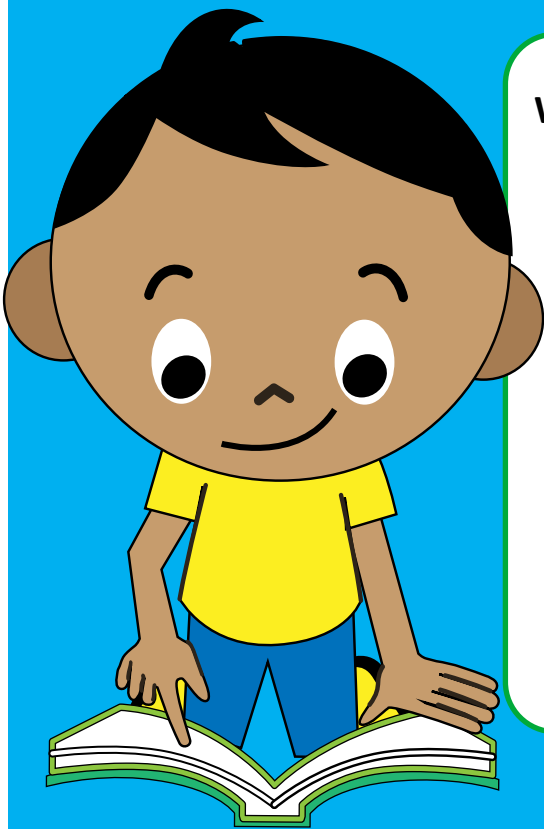
Skimming & scanning is locating information in a text quickly.

Skimming & scanning is important because….

Scientists have lots and lots of material to read.

I use skimming & scanning when I…

Am looking for specific answers to questions on my inquiry chart.

When I skim and scan for specific information I …

- Think of key words to answer my question.

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

- Look at the pictures, captions, and graphs.

- When I see a key word, slow down and read.

- If the text answers my question → jot notes on my inquiry chart.

- If not → keep skimming & scanning.