

**READ-TO-REMEMBER STRATEGIES**

<b>Know the point</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The point of academic reading is to learn the material that you are reading.</li> <li>• Start by asking: What is this for? What am I supposed to learn?</li> <li>• Focus on remembering and understanding first.</li> <li>• Later, you can apply higher levels of analysis.</li> <li>• Also, pay attention to the bigger point: Reading is a conversation between you and the author. Sometimes, that conversation is simply for fun or for curiosity.</li> </ul>
<b>Use features of text</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Features of text make reading faster and easier.</li> <li>• Pay attention to the title, subtitle, heading, subheading, paragraphs, topic sentences, bolded words, main ideas, and supporting details. All these features of text help you zero in on the main ideas... so you can find and remember the point of the text.</li> </ul>
<b>Skip and skim</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When you first approach a new book or article, skip and skim. Just read the parts needed to know the point. Use features of text to find what's most important, rather than reading everything all at once.</li> </ul>
<b>Take rough notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes make it easier to remember because if you forget, you can just look at the notes for review.</li> <li>• Writing notes makes it easier to remember, especially if you put the main ideas in your own words or write an outline (which helps you organize your notes).</li> </ul>
<b>Pay attention to vocabulary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When skimming a text, look for key vocabulary words that you don't know. Ask the teacher for the meanings or look them up.</li> </ul>
<b>Read with questions in mind</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you know the point of a text, or the point of being assigned a text, then you can start by just looking for this point. One way to do this is to start by knowing what questions will be asked on a test or in an assignment. At first, just look for the answers to those questions. This will help you make sense of things.</li> </ul>
<b>Re-read the text</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sometimes, a text is meant to be read all the way through.</li> <li>• Once you have skipped, skimmed, taken rough notes, and found all the answers, then you can go back over the text to soak it in.</li> </ul>
<b>Take detailed notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sometimes, you'll need to dig deeper into a text. If needed, after the skipping and skimming, you may need to take detailed notes. Use a format that works for you. Focus on organizing the information in your notes.</li> </ul>
<b>Summarize</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The best way to remember and understand is by putting the main points into your own words.</li> </ul>
<b>Ask for help</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you don't know the meaning of text or are confused, ask for help.</li> </ul>
<b>Test yourself</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you will be tested on a text, be sure to not only study for the test but to also test yourself before the test.</li> </ul>