

Exercise walk-through

1.1

Reading for specific information

IGCSE English

Choose the method for the purpose

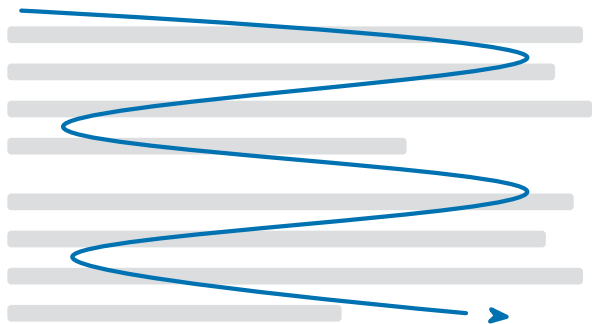
To identify the main topic, **skim** for the **gist** : use the title, opening and topic sentences. You do not need every word.

To locate a particular detail, **scan** : search for an identifier or the same idea in different words. Then read the surrounding sentence closely.

A **paragraph** may contain several nearby facts. Finding a possible answer is the start of checking, not the end.

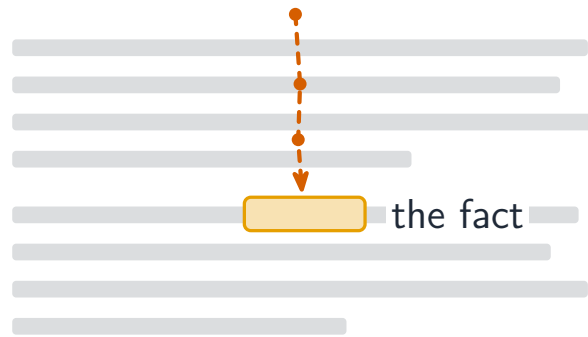
Overview and targeted search

Skim - read fast for the gist



overview, not every word:
“what is this text about?”

Scan - jump to one fact



eyes hop down the page and
check the surrounding sentence

These paths are schematic. After locating a possible answer, read its context; do not treat the drawing as a fixed eye movement rule.

A flight identifier helps distinguish similar destinations. The next fictional table provides all the data for our practice.

Fictional departures: original attempt

Flight	Destination	Time	Gate
AB201	Hanoi	09:15	6
AB218	Hanoi	10:05	9
AB305	Seoul	09:40	4

Which gate serves AB218? Which listed flight departs earliest?

Explain why finding “Hanoi” alone does not answer the first question.

Departures: worked check

AB218 gate

9. Match the exact flight code, then follow the same row to the gate column.

Earliest listed flight

AB201 at 09:15. Compare times, not row position alone.

Why destination is insufficient

Two rows say Hanoi. Destination alone does not identify AB218.

These answers use only the fictional table; they are not readings from the photograph.

Exercises 2.1·2.3

2.1 On which day does the pool close early?

[1]

2.2 How much does a sixteen-year-old student with a student card pay?

[1]

2.3 Give **two** things you must do before attending a beginners' swimming lesson.

[2]

Exercises 2.1-2.3

2.1 On which day does the pool close early? [1]

2.1

- scan for the day the pool closes early
 - **Monday**
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2.2 How much does a sixteen-year-old student with a student card pay? [1]

2.2

- a sixteen-year-old with a student card pays the **child price**
 - **\$2.00** – accept "the child price"
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2.3 Give **two** things you must do before attending a beginners' swimming lesson. [2]

2.3

- any **two** requirements
- **book at least three days in advance**
- **attend on Tuesday or Thursday at 7.00 p.m.**

Exercises 2.4·2.5

2.4 Why are there no lessons during the school holidays?

[1]

2.5 What must you bring in order to use a locker?

[1]

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2.4

- the question asks **why**, so the answer must give a reason
- because the pool is used for the **regional competition**

2.5 What must you bring in order to use a locker?

[1]

2.5

- lockers are free, but you must bring
- **your own padlock**

Exercises 3.1·3.2

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B On the first floor.

C At 8.00 p.m.

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3.1 C

- the question asks for a **time**, so only a time can earn the mark
- A and D are true but not specific; B answers a different question

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3.2

- the question asked about a **sixteen-year-old** student
- children **under sixteen** pay \$2.00; this student pays the child price because of the **student card**, not age

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[1]

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- any question whose answer is that number
- e.g. “**How far in advance must a beginners’ lesson be booked?**”