

Reading Skills

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What we will cover

- 1 Skim then scan
- 2 Answering questions
- 3 Signal words
- 4 Notes & summaries
- 5 Reading between the lines



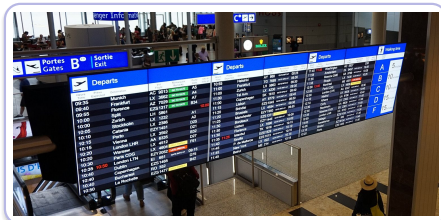
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Finding information

Skim then scan

- **skim** 略读: read fast for the **gist** 大意 – title & first lines
- **scan** 扫读: move your eyes fast to find **one** fact

A departure board is scan territory
– hunt one flight, not every line.



Scan for one fact among many lines

Answering questions



Write a word or a **phrase** 短语, not a sentence. Copy the exact word & answer **only** what is asked.

Signal words

addition 递进

also, in addition, as well as

contrast 对比

but, however, although

cause & effect 因果

because, so, as a result

Signal words 信号词 show how the writer's ideas connect. In **multiple matching** 多项匹配, look for the same **meaning**, not the same words (a **paraphrase** 改写).

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Going deeper

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Notes and summaries

note-making 做笔记

short notes under headings; leave out examples

summary 概括

the key points in fewer words, in **your own** words

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Reading between the lines

inference 推断

the writer **implies** 暗示 a meaning without saying it openly

attitude 态度

found in **word choice** 用词; guess new words from **context** 语境

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Recap

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Worked example – reading between the lines

“Lin *claimed* she had finished the work, but her desk told a different story.” What does this suggest?

- The writer chose *claimed*, not *said* ⇒ it hints the statement may not be true.
- “Her desk told a different story” is *indirect*: the writer never says she lied.
- Put together: the reader is meant to *doubt* Lin – her desk was still covered in work.
- ⇒ The writer implies Lin had not really finished.

For an *inference* question, quote the *exact word* that carries the hint and say what it suggests. Never just copy the sentence out – explain the *implication*.

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Topic 1 – key takeaways

1 Skim & scan

skim for the gist, scan for one fact

2 Answers

predict, then write a short exact answer

3 Signal words

show addition, contrast, cause & effect

4 Inference

read the implied meaning & attitude

Check yourself

- 1 Which skill finds the gist quickly?
- 2 Which skill finds one exact fact?
- 3 What kind of word is “however”?
- 4 What is it called to work out an unstated meaning?



Answers 1. skimming 2. scanning 3. a contrast signal word 4. inference