# TYPES OF READING

**Skimming**

This is a method of getting a quick overview of an entire selection. The adept skimmer locates and identifies valuable and important parts of a reading selection by moving through the reading from beginning to end, gaining a general idea of the central point and important supporting details.

**Scanning**

This is a way of finding a specific bit of information within an entire reading selection. Here, the reader quickly scuttles across sentences to get to a particular piece of information. Scanning involves the technique of rejecting or ignoring irrelevant information from the text to locate a specific piece of information.

**Intensive reading** is a technique that allows you to read a text slowly and carefully in order to understand all the details and nuances. This is a useful skill when you need to understand a text in depth.

**OR**

**Intensive reading** is far more time-consuming than skimming and scanning as it needs the reader's attention to detail. It involves close reading that aims at the accuracy of comprehension. Here, the reader has to understand the meaning of each and every word.

**Extensive reading/Speed reading** is a technique that allows you to read a text quickly. This is a useful skill when you need to read a lot of information in a short amount of time.

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