

## Scanning

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Look at the following shopping list to find out if you remembered to order bread:

*Shopping List*

milk  
butter  
ice cream  
bread  
bananas  
broccoli  
rice  
potatoes  
oranges

How many words did you read? *Bread* was the only word you needed to read. The other words were not important. This kind of reading is called *scanning*.

You usually scan: a telephone book  
an index in a textbook  
a list of movies in the newspaper  
the ads in a newspaper  
the pages of a dictionary

You usually *do not* scan: a mystery story  
a textbook for an important course  
important papers from a lawyer  
a map for getting to a party  
a question on a test

**EXAMPLE**

Scan the next page for the answers to these questions. Work as quickly as you can.

1. How many chapters are there in the book? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which is the chapter on the computer in the classroom? \_\_\_\_\_
3. On what page can you read about games? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which part of Chapter 3 is about having fun with computers? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Does this book have an index? On what page? \_\_\_\_\_

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