

READING TECHNIQUES

The purpose of this reading exercise is to give you some devices when you are reading in English.

- **Deduction:** What does the sentence concern? Which words does the unknown word refer to?
- **Part of speech:** Which part of speech or grammatical category is the unknown word? Is it a verb, a noun, a preposition, an adjective, a time expression or something else?
- **Chunking:** What is the meaning of the words around it? What the relation between them? Apply deduction.
- **Vocabulary activation:** When skimming – reading the text quickly- what is the text about? Is the layout of the text a clue? Is the publication or type of book a clue? What other words do you know in this vocabulary category?



1. Use logic to make guesses about the unknown words in this paragraph.

Jack quickly entered the **didot** and cleaned the various **misturaes** he had been using to repair the **wuipit**. He had often thought that this job was extremely **yullning**. However, he had to admit that this time things seemed to be a bit easier. When he finished, he put on his **redick** and went back to the study to relax. He took out is favourite pipe and settled into the beautiful new **pogtry**. What a fantastic **schnappy** he had made when he had bought the **pogtry**. Only 200 **yagmas**!

1. What could a '**didot**' be?
2. What part of speech is '**misturaes**'?
3. If Jack used the '**misturaes**' to repair the '**wuipit**' what do you think the '**misturaes**' must be?
4. What could '**yullning**' mean?
What part of speech is often used with an ending '-ing'?
5. Which synonym could be used for '**yullning**'?
fun difficult expensive
6. What type of things do you **put on**?
7. Based on the above question, what kind of thing must a '**redick**' be?
8. Is a '**pobtry**' used inside or outside'?
9. What must '**yagmas**' be?

Clothes Cigarette type Type of money

2. Replace the "strange words" in the text with the words you think they might refer to.

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