

Scanning

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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