

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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