

Section One: Reading Strategies

LO: To understand different reading strategies and how to use them.

What is Reading?

Thinking Point

Think about all the words you have read in the past couple of hours. What are the different types of reading you do every day?



Reading is an important way of communicating with the rest of the world. It can help us find out new facts, follow instructions, explore new ideas or simply be entertained.

We can use different types of reading for different activities. Here are three simple strategies for reading texts.

Key Term

Strategy: A plan or way of doing something.

Scanning

We use scanning to find specific information. When we scan, we don't read every word – we allow our eyes to move quickly over the text until we find what we're looking for.

Quickfire Questions

Look at the flier on page 6 and scan the text to find the answers.

What time does the balloon modelling take place?

Who will be opening the fete?

What happens at 4.45pm?

Top Tip

Use headings and titles to guide you to the section of text you need to study.

Skimming

We use skimming to get a general idea of what a text is about. When we skim, we move from word to word very quickly. This is so we get an overview, but not a deep understanding of the text.

Quickfire Questions

Go back to the flier and skim the text to find the answers.

Why is the fete being held?

Who is invited to attend the event?

Top Tip

As you skim the text, focus on the things, places and actions rather than the filler words.

Studying

When we study a text, we read it carefully in detail so that we completely understand it. We take our time reading each word carefully. Studying is the most in-depth way to read a text, and takes the most time.

Longer Answer

Finally, return to the flier and study the text to find the answer.

Why does the school library need to be replaced?

Top Tip

Use a dictionary to look up any words you don't know already.

Friday Fun Fete!

Bigglesworth School will be holding a fete this Friday from 3.30pm. Please come along and join us in our fundraising extravaganza! Everyone is welcome – the fete will be filled with fun-packed activities for the whole family!

Timetable of events:

- 3.30pm: Fete is opened by the Head Teacher, Mrs Wade.
- 3.45pm: Mrs Lin's pottery workshop starts in the art block.
- 4pm: The school orchestra plays a medley of show tunes in the school hall.
- 4.15pm: Refreshments on sale in the canteen.
- 4.30pm: Mr Aziz starts his cake-eating competition in the technology rooms.
- 4.45pm: Five-a-side football on the school field.
- 5pm: The Year 12s start their balloon modelling for younger guests in the school foyer.
- 5.15pm: Raffle winners announced.
- 5.30pm: Fete closes.



Fundraising

Every year our fete is used as a means of raising money for Bigglesworth School. Members of the school PTA work tirelessly to ensure it is an event to remember and their efforts are always much appreciated. This year, the proceeds will be put towards rebuilding the school library, which burnt to the ground last September in an arson attack which shocked staff and pupils. Over two thousand books were destroyed and the building was so badly damaged that it had to be knocked down. It is estimated that a new library will cost the school around £400,000.