

Title: Finding the Gist – Skimming & Scanning Practice

Instructions for Students:

1. Scan the QR code on your slide to open the worksheet.
2. Read the passage quickly to get the general idea (skim).
3. Highlight the **main idea** of the passage in **yellow**.
4. Highlight **supporting details** in **green**.
5. Answer the multiple-choice question at the end: “Which sentence best summarizes the passage?”
6. Submit your answers online.

Differentiation:

- **High:** Identify the main idea + 3 supporting details; explain why these details are important.
- **Mid:** Highlight the main idea + 2 supporting details.
- **Low:** Highlight the main idea; drag-and-drop key sentences from a list.
- **SEN:** Listen to the audio version of the passage and highlight key words/phrases digitally.

Passage for Students

"The Great Barrier Reef, located off the coast of Australia, is the largest coral reef system in the world. It stretches over 2,300 kilometers and is home to thousands of species of fish, corals, and other marine life. Scientists study the reef to understand marine ecosystems and monitor its health. Unfortunately, rising ocean temperatures and pollution are causing coral bleaching, which threatens the survival of the reef. Conservation efforts are underway to protect this natural wonder for future generations."

Example Multiple-Choice Question (for Liveworksheets)

Question: Which sentence best summarizes the passage?

- A) The Great Barrier Reef is a popular tourist destination.
- B) The Great Barrier Reef is the largest coral reef system in the world, but it faces threats like coral bleaching.
- C) Scientists study all reefs in the world.
- D) Coral reefs do not support marine life.

Answer: B