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Skimming should help you to:

- read more quickly
- decide whether you want/need to read something in more detail
- think about your reading and ask questions

Skimming means reading something very quickly just to get an idea of what it is about.

Just skim over the surface of it to find the main point and don't read every detail.

You need to be quite good at reading before you try skimming.

- 1 Start off with a short piece e.g. a short text task. As usual, get as much information as you can **before you begin**.
 - What sort of piece is it?
 - What is the title?
 - Is there a picture or diagram to help?
- 2 Let your eyes move over it quickly looking out for important words. Don't bother with little words like 'the', 'to' and 'are' or the descriptive words like 'very'.
- 3 Find out as much as you can as quickly as you can.

Tips

- Don't read every word.
 - Don't read every sentence.
 - Let your eyes move quickly.
 - Keep thinking about the meaning.
- 4 Now try skimming the whole article. Concentrate on:
 - the title
 - any diagram/pictures
 - the first paragraph
 - the last paragraph
 - the first line of the other paragraphs

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SKIMMING EXERCISE

Before you start, read the 'How To Skim' sheets.



- Read the words in this notice that are in larger print.



LOST CAT

We lost our cat, Sam on Thursday 2nd October. She has never run away before and we think that she has wandered out and got lost.

BLACK AND WHITE

She's large, round and healthy looking. She is a well looked after and much loved pet. She was last seen in the

CHAPEL STREET AREA.

If you have seen her or think you know where she might be
Contact:

JULIUS JORDAN

as soon as possible on 727 2496.

REWARD

available for anyone who gives us useful information.

Thank you.



Questions

- 1 Put into your own words what you think this is about before reading the whole notice.

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- 2 Read the whole notice.

- 3 What extra information did you get?

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- 4 Did you already have a good idea what the notice was about?

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Now check your answers with a teacher.

Discuss your work with your teacher and decide what you need to work on next.



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Skimming

Newspaper Article

Before you start, read the 'How To Skim' sheets.



- Read the headlines.
- Read the first and last paragraph only.
- Read them as quickly as you can.
- Think what the newspaper article is about.
- Answer the questions at the end of the article.



... Tech Briefing ...

Facebook to hit one billion users by August 2012

| Date | Number of Users (Millions) |
|--------|----------------------------|
| Aug-08 | ~100 |
| Apr-09 | ~200 |
| Feb-10 | ~400 |
| Feb-11 | ~600 |
| Dec-11 | ~800 |
| Aug-12 | ~1,000 |

IF social networking giant Facebook continues on its current growth trajectory, it will reach one billion active users by August of this year, digital marketing agency iCrossing predicts.

Last September at F8, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg confirmed Facebook had breached the 800 million member milestone.

iCrossing analytics expert Gregory Lyons said Facebook's growth has slowed or stopped in early adopter countries like the US and UK.

"However, developing countries such as India and Brazil have shown strong growth, with India growing from 22 million users to 36 million and Brazil going from 13 million to 30 million in the last nine months.

"Both are large countries with millions of potential users who have yet to sign up to Facebook, with only 3pc of India's population on Facebook and 16pc of Brazil's, compared to 49pc of America's population or 47pc of the UK's population. Countries such as these will clearly contribute heavily to Facebook's continued growth," Lyons added.

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Questions

- 1 From reading the first and last paragraphs, what do you think the article is about?

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- 2 What specific information does it give you?

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- 3 Now read the whole article. What extra information did you get?

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- 4 Did it change your idea of what you thought the article was about?

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