Understanding Key Terms
Choose the best answer for each question.

Reading Comprehension is...
a) Reading as fast as possible without mistakes
b) The ability to understand and interpret written text
c) Memorizing every word in a passage

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Skimming is used when you want to...
a) Find a single fact, like a date or name
b) Get the general idea or main topic quickly
c) Translate the text into another language

Scanning is best when...
a) You need to enjoy a novel slowly
b) You want to check the author's opinion
c) You're searching for specific information, like a phone number

Which of the following shows applying a definition correctly?
a) "Inference means guessing wildly, so I'll just imagine any ending."
b) "Since 'visualize' means create a mental image, I picture the scene in my mind."
c) "Fluency means reading silently, so I whisper to myself."

Applying Skimming and Scanning
Read the short text below and answer the questions.
Text:
"The Amazon rainforest, often called the planet's lungs, produces 20% of the world's oxygen. It is home to millions of species and covers parts of nine South American countries."

If you only need to know which countries the Amazon covers, you should:
a) Skim for the main idea
b) Scan for the specific word "countries"
c) Read every sentence aloud twice

To quickly learn the main idea of the paragraph, the best strategy is to:
a) Scan for numbers
b) Skim by reading the first and key sentences
c) Look for rhyming words