

S: Survey Before You Read

Textbooks are logically organized to help the reader better understand the material. Use the tools they provide! Before reading the chapter, take a look at the title, the introduction, the headings of each section, any pictures or diagrams, boldfaced or italicized words, and the last page. Not only will this give you a very brief overview of what the chapter is about, but it will also help you determine how long it will take to read the chapter.

Q: Questions Help Focus the Reading

Asking questions forces you to get involved in the material that you are reading.

Before reading, try turning the headings into questions. As you read, while, it will become second nature to you and will help you successfully read your textbook assignments.