

Before class, read the section of your math book that the instructor plans to cover in class. Don't be concerned if you don't understand it at this point. The first reading is only to acquaint you with the material. Concentrate on vocabulary. Review related topics from earlier sections/chapters.

How to read your math textbook

- Read every paragraph and sentence completely. Do not use skimming techniques that you might use in a history or English class. Math texts are written in a concise language that puts the most meaning into the fewest possible words. **READ ALL OF THE WORDS!**
- Read with a pencil in hand so you can do the example problems in the book
- Write down any questions or comments
flag difficult items in the text with sticky notes
- Recite rules, ideas and concepts aloud
- Use note cards to record rules, formulas, procedures, or steps
- Keep a list of math vocabulary words
be aware of the language of math

Schedule time everyday (as soon after class as possible)

Read your lecture notes

Fill in the gaps

