**Tips for improving ESL reading comprehension**

Understanding English is the goal of ESL students: so here are some tips to help them read and understand:

1. **Pre-reading strategies:** before you read, ask yourself some questions

-how is the text organized?

-how much do i know about the topic?

1. **Reading with purpose : skimming and scanning:** when you start to read you need to read with purpose

**-**finding general information fast: skimming

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| **Strategy** | **Function** |
| Read the first and second sentence of each paragraph  Read the last sentence of each paragraph | -they contain the paragraph’s main idea  -they contain the organization of the text |
| Circle new words in those sentences and try to infer the meaning, if no time translate | -understanding ideas better  -capture key ideas |

-finding specific information: scanning

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| **Strategy** | **Function** |
| -read through the pages quickly for details | -find only key information that are related to the main idea  -find repeated concepts, as they give lines of important details you need to consider |

1. **Showing comprehension**

To show that you have understood the text: review the text or create a summery

-reviewing: like making a map, table or diagram of the information

-summarizing: involves reporting the main idea and the most relevant details, you follow those steps:

* Planning :after reading and understanding the original text, use the notes that contain the key information and the main ideas of the text
* Writing: -use the grammar constructions that make your writing clear

-use the suitable vocabulary

-ideas need to flow smoothly

-do not plagiarize any of the original material

-use paragraphing, quoting and citing ideas that are not yours

* Revising :-no grammatical errors

-check the length of the sentences

-so spelling and punctuation errors