

Estrategias para el éxito en la lectura

Estrategia 1: Anotar el texto

If you are allowed to write on what you are reading, make notes in the margins.

You may not want to take the time to write out a full sentence, because it will take too long and distract you from what you are reading. Instead, choose a few simple symbols, and stick with them. This will allow you to keep reading

√ – I understand, and have no questions here

! – Something about this information surprised me or seemed out of place

? – I have a question about this part, and may need to come back to it

⊗ – I don't understand this section at all, and need to re-read it

Estrategia 2: Pregúntale al autor

Question what the author is telling you, and search for answers to your questions in the text.

Authors are not perfect, and sometimes leave out important information. Challenge what the author says, and see if he/she has answered your questions somewhere else in the reading. If the author has not written very clearly, try to figure out what the author is **trying** to say. Treat it like you are having a conversation, and are trying to make sense of what the other person is saying.

You might start with:

- What is the author talking about?
- What is the author's message?
- This is what the author *says*, but what does it *mean*?

Estrategia 3: Pregúntate a ti

Ask yourself questions to make sure you are getting the main ideas from the reading.

Sometimes it is hard to understand what we are reading because we have missed important information. Take a moment to ask yourself some questions about what you have understood so far, answer them, and see if all the information adds up to a solution to your confusion.

1. Are there any words I don't understand?
2. Are there any phrases that don't make sense because I can't tell who or what is being talked about?
3. Are there any ideas that don't fit together because I can't tell how the ideas are related?
4. Is there any information missing, or not clearly explained?

Estrategia 4: ¡Simplificalo!

Rephrase each sentence in a paragraph, double check to make sure you haven't left any information out, and then write a simplified summary of the whole paragraph in ONE sentence.

This can be done in groups, with a Paraphraser, a Verifier, a Simplifier, and a Writer.