

Practice Papers

Here is a set of practice papers for you to apply the skills you have learnt in the Strategies section. Remember to read the passages and questions carefully, and then apply the strategies you have learnt.

Each practice paper begins with two opportunities for you to practise the strategy of scanning and skimming. The next part of the paper contains three texts and their respective questions. These texts are based around a single theme. Finally, each paper is followed by an opportunity to improve your vocabulary.

Points to Remember

- Text 1: Questions cover a range of strategies. Read the questions carefully to decide which strategies you want to apply.
- Text 2: Questions mostly require Strategies 1 to 5 and 9.
- Text 3: Questions usually require Strategies 4, 6 to 8, 10 and 11.
- Skimming and Scanning questions require you to apply Strategies 1 to 5.

What It's All About

Skimming for Prediction (Strategy 1)

Skim Texts 1 to 3 in Practice Paper 1 by reading and viewing any heading, subtitle, illustration and the first sentence of each paragraph. Then, write the common topic of the three texts below.

Common topic:

Scanning (Strategy 5)

Scan through Texts 1 to 3 to find the answers to as many of the following questions as you can within two minutes.

1. In which country do you find platypuses? _____
2. Write one creature that a platypus eats. _____
3. In what way is a platypus like a duck? _____
4. How is a platypus like a snake? _____
5. What category of animals does a platypus belong to? _____