

Active Reading Strategies

Skills Enhancement & Tutoring Center

- Preview chapters before lectures
- Create chapter outlines
- Divide chapters into manageable sections
- Write summaries in your OWN WORDS after each chapter section
- Highlight any concepts and main ideas
- Review definitions and key words
- Use note cards to write formulas and main ideas
- Form a study group and exchange summaries and questions
- Practice TEACHING OTHERS main concepts
- Use mind maps to create links and connections between concepts
- Read chapter summaries
- Review graphs, charts, and tables
- Answer chapter questions
- Compare reading notes with lecture notes
- Read sitting in a firm chair
- Read difficult material while standing or walking around
- Read out loud, particularly difficult material
- Make reading an active process by asking questions
- Stay focused by looking for examples that support main ideas

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