READING A TEXTBOOK ASSIGNMENT

1 PREREADNG STRATEGIES

Preview the assignment.

Plan your reading session(s).

What is the chapter about?

How the material organized?

Examine the chapter's
- title
- objectives
- table of contents
- introduction
- headings and subheadings
- words in special print
- pictures and other graphic aids
- summary
- questions or quizzes

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Assess your *prior knowledge* of the topic.

Plan your reading session or sessions by dividing the chapter into smaller chunks.

2 DURING READING STRATEGIES

Ask and answer questions as you read.

Turn headings into questions.

Questions may also come from
- the chapter
- a study guide
- the instructor.

To *monitor your comprehension,* answer questions when you come to the end of each section.

Take steps to correct the problem if you are not understanding:
- Reread.
- Keep reading.
- Look up a word or term.
- Do extra reading, perhaps in an easier book.
- Ask your classmate, study group, instructor, or tutor.
- "Sleep on it" and reread the next day.
- Put a question mark in the margin or make a list of questions.

3 AFTER READING STRATEGIES

Review and *rehearse* the material.

Mark and *annotate* each section after you have finished reading it.

Make *vocabulary cards* or other *study aids* that work for your learning style

Rehearse the material until you can say or write it from memory.

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