



Skimming and scanning the news

We read in different ways. You don't always need to read every word. Sometimes you leave bits out.

You can **skim** to find out what it is all about.

Headings and pictures can help you do this.

Or you can **scan** to look for important information.

Look for key words or numbers to help you do this.

Cat up a tree? Chimp in a chimney?

Fire crews in the capital had to help **620 animals** last year. The fire brigade says if an animal is stuck call the RSPCA first.

Unusual rescues

Unusual rescues include a chimp in a chimney, a parrot trapped in its cage, an iguana stuck on a roof and a hamster trapped in a disabled lift. Fire crews have also captured a snake at a retirement home and rescued a kitten with its head stuck in a bongo drum.

More important work

The commissioner says, "Our crews are highly trained emergency service personnel. When we are out rescuing animals, we can't attend real emergencies."

Wasting tax payers' money

"Animal rescues cost money and in these tough financial times many people question why their taxes are being spent on animal rescues. After all, when was the last time you saw a cat's skeleton up a tree?"

