

Reading newspapers and magazines



Pick up your local paper from the newsagents

Reading newspapers and magazines is different from reading fiction.

We usually read fiction by starting at the beginning of a book and reading to the end.

When we read newspapers and magazines we flick through the pages using scanning and skimming to find what interests us.

What is scanning?

If you were a football fan looking at the sports page of a newspaper, you could scan it for the **table of results** and your **team's name** or **shield**.

Scanning is when you quickly look around a page for words, phrases or images that interest you.

Dates or names are easy to scan for as the capital letters stand out.

What is skimming?

When choosing a magazine to buy, you could use skimming to quickly read some of the stories to see if they are worth reading more closely.

Skimming is when you read something quickly to get the gist or the general idea of what it's about.