

Tips to Improve Comprehension

Improve Poor Concentration

- Take limited breaks
- While you are alert and fresh tackle difficult material
- Focus your attention-avoid distractions
- Choose appropriate time and place to study



Unfamiliar or difficult words

- Analyze word parts
- Use context to determine familiarity of the word
- Skim material before reading, and mark meanings and notes in the margin
- Use the word list at the beginning of chapter, foot notes, glossary

Difficult sentences

- Read aloud
- Check for difficult words
- Locate key ideas, familiar ideas
- Rephrase each sentence in your own words

Complicated Ideas

- Rephrase in your own words
- Make notes in the margin
- Study with classmate or group
- Refer to a similar less difficult resource on the subject, i.e. internet, thesaurus, basic text.

No prior knowledge on subject, unfamiliar topic

- Be sure to get all introductory information, don't skip class
- Provide your own background information by referring to:
 - Web search,
 - Introduction in book or a previous chapter in book.
 - Preview chapter by reading captions, end of chapter summary, subtitles, etc
 - Read a more basic text

Material is disorganized

- Pay attention to subheading and headings
- Read summary
- Discover organization by writing outline or making a chapter map

Unsure of what is important

- Preview chapter
- Ask and answer guided reading questions, and chapter review questions
- Underline topic sentences

HAVE A GOOD ATTITUDE ABOUT READING AND LEARNING!!!!

