



CHAPTER 17

Scanning | La technique de repérage

Scanning is a reading technique used to quickly find one specific piece of information in a text.

Scanning is a quick read which allows the reader to focus on locating specific information. The reader aims to move his or her eyes quickly down a page to seek specific information such as vocabulary, words, phrases, numbers or data relevant to a task.

The reader knows what he or she is looking for and concentrates on locating the piece of information.

Scanning helps a reader:

- Find answers to content-specific questions
- Search for predetermined information
- Locate names, dates, times, symbols, formulae, key words, phrases, data and events
- Locate text features such as indexes, headings/subheadings, captions, labels, and drop-down menus to further help understand texts
- Determine whether a resource will answer his or her questions
- Rapidly locate the desired website, webpage, email or document
- Determine the purpose of the text or type of material
- Confirm predictions
- Save time and improve learning efficiency

To help your child develop proficient scanning skills, have him/her read a variety of material relevant to a purpose using this technique.

There are many everyday uses for scanning. For example, have your child scan through:

- Bus, train or airplane schedules to spot departure/arrival times and locations
- Television listings, online or in a newspaper, to help choose (French) shows
- Movie listings, online or in a newspaper, to determine show times
- Sport news, online or in a newspaper, to find or confirm scores
- Magazines to find French brands
- Online/printed newspapers or flyers to find specific produce items, merchandise, prices or (French) events
- Signs to identify a product, a name, a location, an e-mail address or a phone number
- Timetables to confirm or check on times and locations
- Employment or classified advertisements to hunt for opportunities (in the French community)
- Emails to find names, addresses or events
- A telephone book to look up names, businesses or phone numbers
- A dictionary to research new words or French vocabulary