MAKING SENSE OF ENGLISH TEXTS WEBINAR SERIES

EPISODE 02

SKIM, SCAN AND KEYWORD

TECHNIQUES

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SKIM AND SCAN



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REMEMBER WHAT YOU READ

What statement best describes you

- A. You are very confident about your keyword choice.
- B. You are unsure about what keywords to choose, so you choose many 'keywords' for fear of missing out.
- C. You never choose any keywords while reading.
- D. You never read.

READING TECHNIQUES

- 1. Keyword
- 2. Subject + Verb
- 3. Understand reference words "pronouns, the, this, that, these, those, such"
- Understand text development through recognizing old and new concepts
- 5. Guess meaning through context
- 6. Read active by looking at cohesive devices.

KEYWORD

- How to know which words to choose
- Some other tips on keywords
- Practice

READING VS. TRAVELLING ON URBAN ROADS

Out of nowhere, kids come running to the sound of water splashing in the pool. By the time it's full, there's already fourteen of us trying to push in quick before the water warms up as hot as the dirt, our feet fighting for space in that cool, and sloshing water up and over the side, turning the ground to mud. Even Queeny is here, splashing some of the cool up onto her face. I try to help her, but all I get is a punch on the arm for my troubles. (p. 13)



REMEMBERING YOUR PATH



And when the full moon had risen Hansel took his little sister by the hand and followed the pebbles, which were shining like newminted pennies and showed them the way. They walked all through the night, and as day was dawning they arrived at their father's house.

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for certain ills, and the real or imagined maladies of the peop charm-box is usually full to overflowing. The magical packets are so numerous the charm-box of the household shrine. that people forget what their purposes were and fear to use them again. While the natives are very vague on this point, we can only assume that the idea in retaining all the old magical materials is that their presence in the charm-box, before which the body rituals are conducted, will in some way protect the

Beneath the charm-box is a small font. Each day every member of the family, in succession, enters the shrine room, bows his head before the charmbox, mingles different sorts of holy water in the font, and proceeds with a brief rite of ablution. The holy waters are secured from the Water Temple worshipper. of the community, where the priests conduct elaborate ceremonies to make the

In the hierarchy of magical practitioners, and below the medicine men in prestige, are specialists whose designation is best translated "holy-mouthmen." The Nacirema have an almost pathological horror of and fascination liquid ritually pure. with the mouth, the condition of which is believed to have a supernatural influence on all social relationships. Were it not for the rituals of the mouth, they believe that their teeth would fall out, their gums bleed, their jaws shrink, their friends desert them, and their lovers reject them. They also believe that a strong relationship exists between oral and moral characteristics. For example, there is a ritual ablution of the mouth for children which is supposed to im-The daily body ritual performed by everyone includes a mouth-rite. De prove their moral fiber.

READ WITH A PEN



- TWO TYPES OF WORDS
- CONTENT WORDS (carry meaning)
- FUNCTION WORDS (grammatical functions)

CONTENT WORDS

- Noun
- Verb (without helping verbs)
- Adjective
- adverb

FUNCTION WORDS

- Determiners (articles)
- Conjunctions
- Preposition
- Pronouns
- Auxiliary verbs (have, does, do)
- Modals
- Qualifiers

- Circle keyword
- → spend more time on the word → increase engagement → more likely to remember
- → make the word more outstanding → text (no milestones)
- Minimize the number of keywords
- → Question: can I eliminate this word?
- Effective keyword choice can help reduce work while and after reading

- Circle keyword in the following sentence.
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- Extract information (college, career, job; supermarket local common)
- Understand text better
- Time and energy efficient

READ THE TEXT BELOW AND CHOOSE KEYWORDS

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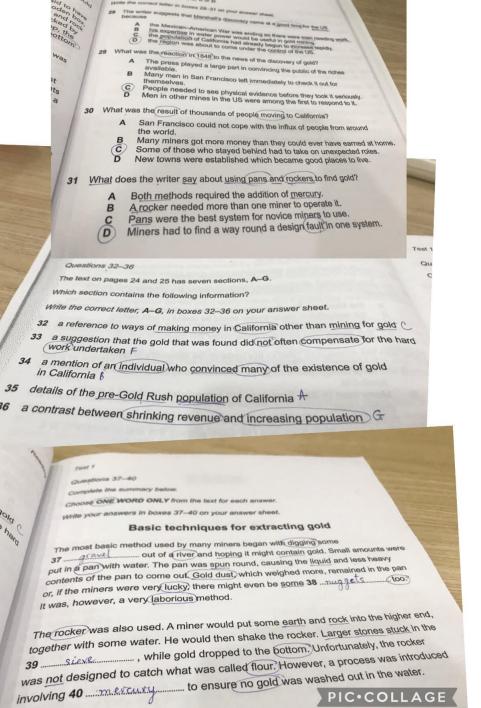


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KEYWORD

A word might be key for the following reasons:

- critical to meaning
- unfamiliar
- interesting



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