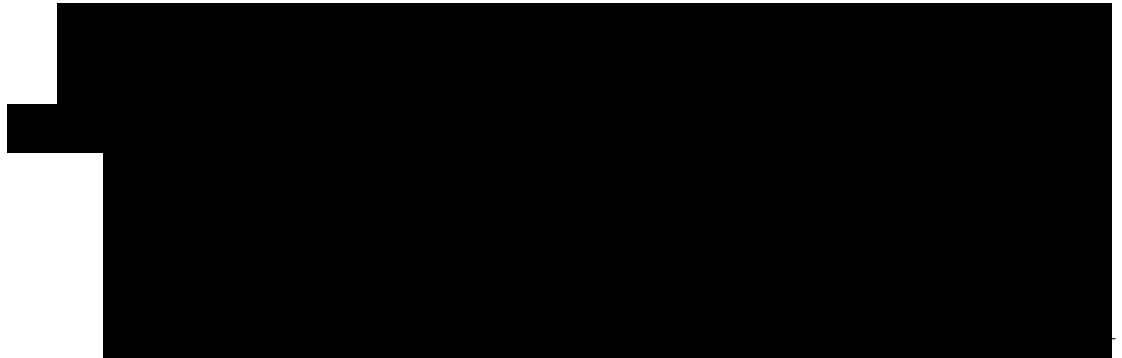


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Make a plan to break up the reading into smaller parts.

Before you start, you should set goals and stopping points for yourself

Ask yourself:

What are the main topics presented in this chapter?

Often a chapter will have three – six main topics that are divided into smaller subtopics.

The main topics are often presented with headings and the subtopics presented nearby with subheadings

Is there a logical place to stop reading so I can divide the chapter into meaningful chunks?

Prior knowledge increases reading comprehension

It is useful to build up a little familiarity with vocabulary and content before reading about unfamiliar topics.

After identifying some of the main topics, gather some basic information about these topics from other sources.

- Watch YouTube videos about the topics
- Look up unfamiliar terms in an online dictionary
- Do a quick web search on the topic

Build Prior Knowledge:
Prime the pump of your mental engine

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Jump Around:

If you noticed a summary, review page, list of objectives, or concept map during your preview—start there!

Gather key points to identify the big ideas and understand the content.
Your textbook is not a mystery novel

Read these first:

- Chapter Learning Objectives
- Chapter Summary
- Chapter review questions
- Vocabulary List

The list of objectives and summary features

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