

Strategic reading



Presented by Dr Julia Rayner
Using some slides borrowed from Lois Wilkinson

Recap on last week

- The 3 P's
- Prioritising
- Predicting
- Purpose
 - Asking key questions when approaching reading

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Concerns/Questions

- Every time I open the book I either fall asleep or can't remember a thing an hour later
- How much is enough in terms of volume of reading?
- How can I possibly read a 300 page book in 1 week
- What level of detail in my reading is required?
- What is the best way of note-taking?-chapter by chapter-by page?
- How can I possibly recall all the information I read 6 months ago?
- How can I find commonalities between so many different different sources?
- Is there anything wrong with cutting and pasting article paragraphs and then re-writing them later?
- What do I do if I simply don't understand the text?
- I'm struggling to understand and then I'm expected to read critically on top of that

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Remember

- Don't fret about what you can't read
- Don't read for general information-read for
 - Topic
 - Approach
 - Argument In other words skim read

(Belcher, 2009)

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Reading theoretical literature

- Doesn't need to be packed, just be able to articulate your approach
 - Courses
 - Reading with an expert
 - Reading book reviews
 - Reference books

(Belcher, 2009)

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The 6S strategy for finding what you need

- Skim
- Scan
- Select
- Slurp
- Select
- Summarise

What's this about?

Who wrote it?

Are they well known in this area?

What is their main message?

What theories/ models/ principles/ examples/ situations do they cover?

And how many?

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I need a definition of autonomy
I need a recent article on -----
I need a discussion of X's Theory
I need a calculation example of centrifugal force and an arm
I need more on nutrition for old cats

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Found what I need here
And here
And here

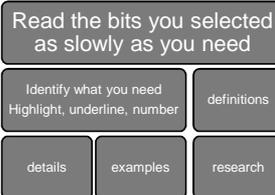
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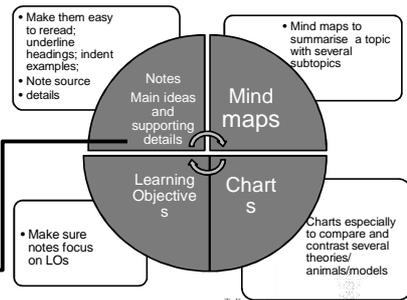


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Summarise - Make notes

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Other tips

- Sociable reading
 - Scheduled reading
 - Email alerts for journals
 - Read newest first
 - Limit note taking-just identify the argument
 - Don't wait to write
 - Insert
- (Belcher, 2009)

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