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Activity Set 2: Reading Strategies Part 2

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2.1: Scanning

Read about scanning, then answer the questions below.

What is scanning?	Scanning refers to looking at a text very quickly to find specific details, key words or ideas.
Why scan?	Most of the time you scan when you are looking for specific information.
How is it done?	Scanning involves moving your eyes quickly down the page looking for specific words, numbers or phrases. Some readers use their finger to guide their eyes to find what they are looking for.

Let's Talk!

- Think back to texts you came across recently. In which ones were you looking for specific information?
- What kind of information did you scan for?
- How did you find the information you were looking for?

2.2: Scanning Practice A

Read the questions below. Scan the text on the following page to find the information. Use the clues to help you locate the information quickly.

1. What is Jordin Tootoo's birth date? Clue: Scan for a date.

    _____

2. Where was he born? Clue: Scan for the name of a place.

    _____

3. When did he start playing with the Brandon Wheat Kings? Clue: Scan for Brandon Wheat Kings.

    _____

4. When did he start playing in the NHL? Clue: Scan for the first time the NHL is mentioned.

    _____

5. How many seasons did he play for the NHL? Clue: Scan for the word *seasons*.

    _____

6. Find two NHL teams he played for. Clue: Scan for the names of NHL teams.

    _____

7. On what date did he retire from the NHL? Clue: Scan for the word *retire*.

    _____

Let's Talk!

- Which questions were the easiest to answer?
- Which questions were the most difficult to answer?
- Which clues helped you find the information you were looking for?

2.2: Scanning Practice A

Jordin Tootoo

Jordin John Kudluk Tootoo was born on February 2, 1983, in Churchill, Manitoba to Rose and Barney Tootoo. He grew up in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, a town not far from the Arctic Circle, where the only way in or out was by plane or snowmobile. Jordin was raised with his older brother Terence and sister Corinne. Barney, the boys' father, taught them to play hockey. When Jordin was only 14, he left his hometown in Nunavut for Alberta to play on the Spruce Grove Broncos in the AAA Bantam League. Terence went to Manitoba to play Junior A Hockey.

By 2002 Jordin was lacing up his skates with the Brandon Wheat Kings in the Western Hockey League, quickly becoming one of the biggest rising stars in Canadian Major Junior hockey.

In the summer of 2002 Terence came to train with his brother who was preparing to take part in the Canadian Junior Team's summer evaluation camp in Manitoba. That August tragedy struck. In the wake of a drunk driving arrest, Terence took his own life. He was only 22 years old. To help deal with the devastation, Jordin focused on hockey.

In October 2003 Jordin became the first Inuk to play in the NHL. For eight seasons he played with the Predators and continued to establish his reputation as a tough, fearless and skilled hockey player.

Beginning in his teen years, Jordin Tootoo started drinking in excess. His drinking escalated after the suicide of his brother and reached its apex after Tootoo entered the NHL where fame, fortune and pressure only fueled the opportunities to drink.

On December 27, 2010, Tootoo voluntarily entered the NHL Player Association's Substance Abuse and Behavioral Health Program to receive treatment for an alcohol addiction. Following successful completion of the program, he returned to finish the season and play in the 2011 Stanley Cup playoffs. In the summer of 2012, as a free agent, Jordin was highly sought after and signed by the Detroit Red Wings ending an era in Nashville where he had become one of the most popular players in Predators history. He went on to play for the New Jersey Devils and Chicago Blackhawks.

Jordin Tootoo has established the Team Tootoo Fund because he wanted to give back. He wanted to help a wide range of charitable causes including non-profits addressing suicide awareness and prevention, as well as those supporting youth at risk.

On October 19, 2018, he officially announced his retirement on Twitter saying, "After 220 regular season games with the Wheat Kings and 723 games in the NHL, I have decided to retire from the NHL to focus on giving back to the Indigenous community."

Today Jordin lives substance free and is raising his daughter Siena with wife Jen. After his many ups and downs he says, "You look at life from a different perspective when you're comfortable and content in your own skin...you understand the meaning of life."

To Jordin Tootoo, the meaning of life is his daughter. He says, "It's a balance and understanding that when you create something it's not all about you anymore...I changed my ways to change the cycle for my kids, for the next generation of my family. For me this is an opportunity to be better."

2.3: Scanning Practice B

Read the questions to figure out exactly what information to look for. Scan for the answers to each question in the text below.

1. What is the title of the notice?

   _____

2. What is the name of the survey?

   _____

3. What is the name of the company?

   _____

4. On which date will the survey be held?

   _____

5. How many employees will be interviewed?

   _____

EMPLOYEE SURVEY

The second Quality of Life survey will be held at Dolmin on September 6. All full-time employees are encouraged to participate.

The first stage of the survey will consist of a questionnaire, which supervisors will be distributing in team meetings on September 6. The second stage of the survey will involve one-on-one interviews with trained Human Resources Staff from Head Office. Approximately 50 employees will be randomly chosen to participate in the interviews. All surveys and interviews will be anonymous.
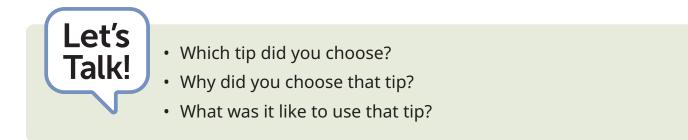
We value your opinion and look forward to your participation.

2.4: Monitoring Comprehension

Read about monitoring comprehension.

What is monitoring comprehension?	Monitoring comprehension means keeping track of what you understand and what you don't understand *while* you are reading.
Why monitor comprehension?	Monitoring your comprehension helps you understand more of the text. It can also save you time. Instead of rereading a whole text because you didn't understand it, you reread parts of it as you go.
How is it done?	**1. Visualize** Picture in your mind the people, places and events in the text while you are reading. **2. Ask yourself questions** At the end of a paragraph or section of the text, ask yourself questions like these: • Did what I read make sense? • Are there words I don't know? **3. Reread to clarify** When you don't understand something, stop and go back. See if reading again more slowly or carefully helps you understand.

Choose one of the tips. Read the article about Jordin Tootoo while trying to apply the tip.

Let's Talk!

- Which tip did you choose?
- Why did you choose that tip?
- What was it like to use that tip?

2.5: Review and Reflect

Answer the questions below to review the differences between skimming and scanning.

1. Which of the following is **not** a skimming activity?

   a) Reading the first sentence of a paragraph
   b) Looking at photographs
   c) Reading first and last paragraphs
   d) Reading every word of a text

2. Which of the following is **not** a scanning activity?

   a) Reading quickly to find specific information
   b) Using your finger to help guide you
   c) Reading to understand the main idea
   d) Finding the name of an author in an article

3. When you look for the price of an item on a retailer's website, what are you doing?

   a) Skimming
   b) Scanning

4. When you read quickly to try to get a general sense of a text, what are you doing?

   a) Skimming
   b) Scanning

5. Skimming is a useful reading strategy when

   a) you have a lot of time and not a lot of material.
   b) you have a very short text that you need to read.
   c) you have a lot of material and not a lot of time.

6. Scanning is a useful reading strategy when

   a) you want to learn about a topic in depth.
   b) you want to find a specific piece of information.
   c) you have a novel you are interested in reading.