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Obtaining Information from Scientific Texts Checklist

Task	Details
• Read for the gist - skim the title, headings, and images.	What is the central idea or claim?
• Markup the texts	Select methods for marking the texts. For example... • Keep track of questions you have (in the notes section). • Write down key words and main ideas(in the notes section). • Put question marks by words you want to learn more about.
• Examine any images, graphs, or tables.	Write one sentence about the central point of each image, graph, or table.
• If the text is about research, ask yourself questions about the text, like:	What questions were the authors asking? What evidence did they collect? Does the evidence support their claims?

• Examine where the authors obtained their information.	What sources did the authors cite?
• Identify the ideas from the text that support what you have figured out so far.	What are the supporting ideas?
• Identify the ideas from the text that contradict what you have figured out so far.	What are the contradicting ideas?
• Write a short summary of the meaning of the scientific text.	Write your summary here:
• Additional notes, words, ideas to keep track of	