

Reading Academic Texts: Hints and Tips

- If you are finding a text particularly difficult to understand try reading the beginning and end of the paragraphs (they are often clearer than the middle).
- Make notes of your references **as you go along!**
- Make a glossary of difficult words
- Read with a purpose: have a question that you want answered and relate the text to that question
- Skimming and scanning are essential reading skills if you want to stay sane: a large part of the reading process is deciding what not to read.