

# Reading Strategies

# Understanding texts using strategies

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# Prediction

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# Prediction

- 1) Background knowledge = Conhecimento Prévio
- 2) Meaning of words = Contexto do Campo Semântico
- 3) Grammar clues = Contexto linguístico
- 4) Non-linguistic context = Contexto não linguístico  
(pictures, photos, tables, graphics)

# Prediction

5) Text Structure = Estrutura do texto

(título, subtítulo, parágrafos, legendas, notas de rodapé)

6) Typographic hints = Evidências tipográficas

(negrito, itálico, sublinhado, parênteses, maiúsculas...)

7) Cognates = Cognatos

(termos parecidos com o português)

8) Repeated words = Palavras repetidas

# Activity

**Translate the following words:**

Obgurtad: \_\_\_\_\_

Tabum: \_\_\_\_\_

Sciennity: \_\_\_\_\_

Tonasbo: \_\_\_\_\_

Tonasboer: \_\_\_\_\_

Finka: \_\_\_\_\_

Homerst: \_\_\_\_\_

Briete: \_\_\_\_\_

Tonasbuerou: \_\_\_\_\_

# The importance of the context

- 1. Read the text & try to guess the meaning of the underlined words.**
- 2. Translate them to Portuguese.**
- 3. Give a title to the text.**

# Title: \_\_\_\_\_

O obgurtad estava chegando atrasado ao Tabum para uma importante sciennity, que lhe daria um bom dinheiro, mas não encontrava tonasbo. Súbito, o obgurtad levanta as mãos ao céu, fecha os olhos e diz:

— Senhor! Por favor, arrume uma vaga para o meu tonasboer e te prometo que irei à finka todos os domingos. Deixo a mulherada, as noitadas, o álcool e vou ser homerst com os meus clientes. Além disso, terminarei o caso que tenho com a minha secretária que é briete. Vou ser fiel para o resto da minha vida e viver só para minha família. Nesse instante, milagrosamente, aparece um lugar para o tonasboer bem na porta do Tabum. Ele tonasbuerou e disse:

— Não se preocupe mais, Senhor! Achei uma vaga!



# Activity

**Now, try to translate the following words. What was the first word you could translate? Why?**

Obgurtad: \_\_\_\_\_

Tabum: \_\_\_\_\_

Sciennity: \_\_\_\_\_

Tonasbo: \_\_\_\_\_

Tonasboer: \_\_\_\_\_

Finka: \_\_\_\_\_

Homerst: \_\_\_\_\_

Briete: \_\_\_\_\_

Tonasbuerou: \_\_\_\_\_

# Let's think!

1. What did you do to infer the meaning of the “strange words”?
2. What strategies did you use?

# Activity

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1. What is the objective of the text?
2. What time does the establishment open?
3. How much is the ticket?
4. What's its telephone number?
5. Who can use its facilities?

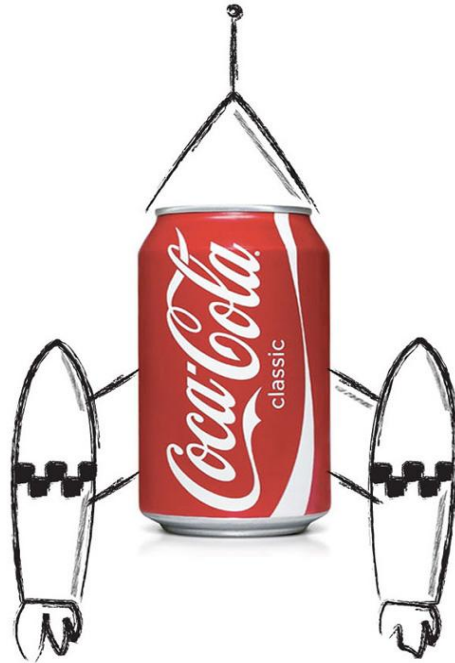
# Let's think!

- 1. Is it possible to construct meaning from the conscious use of reading strategies?**
- 2. Is it possible to understand the meaning of a text without knowing all the words in it?**

# Reading Strategies

Observe the following words & identify cognate words or words that are similar to Portuguese.

# Reading Strategies



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A man with a fish face, looking upwards and to the left. He is wearing a teal patterned shirt. The background is dark with green accents at the top.

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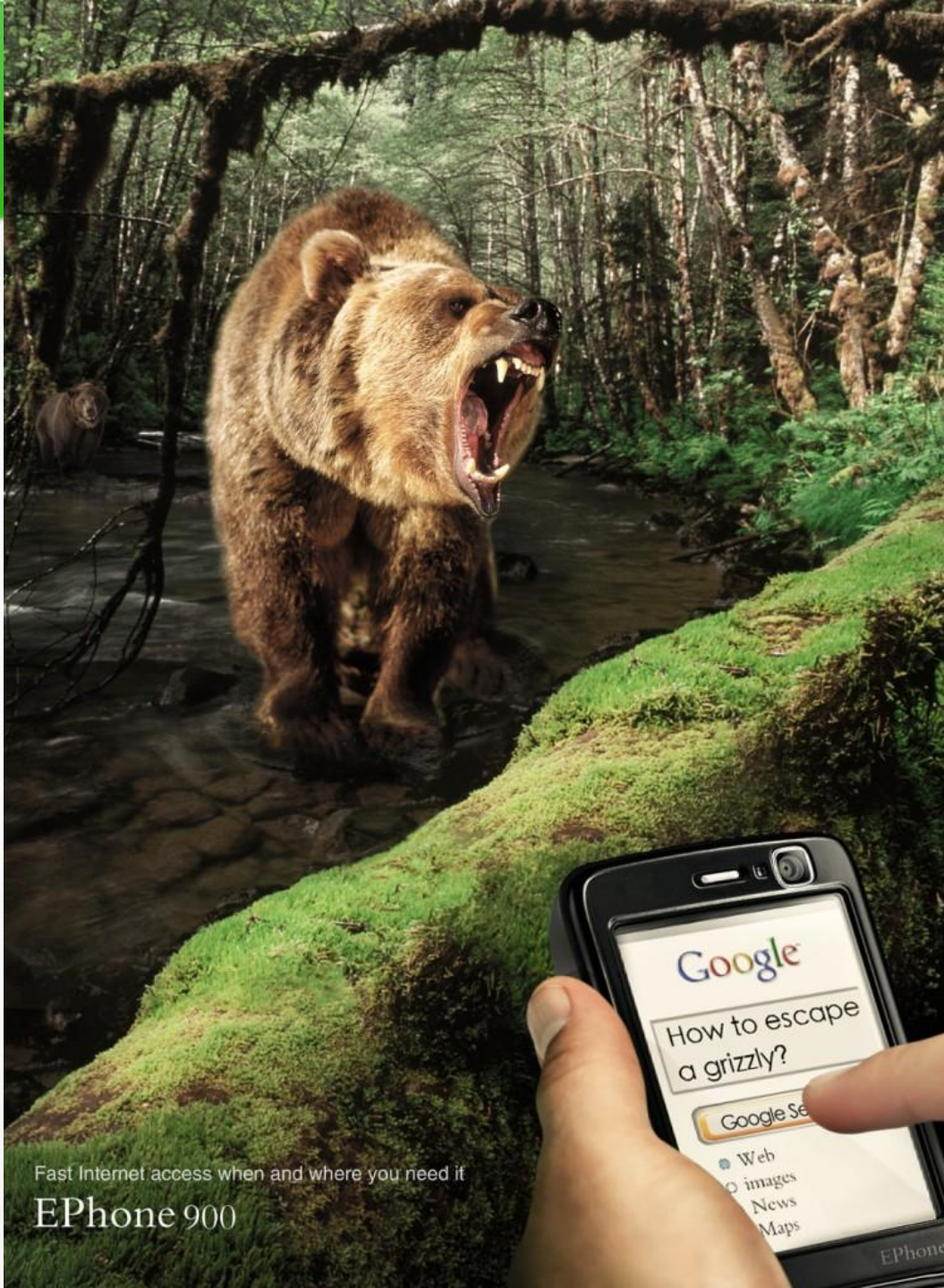
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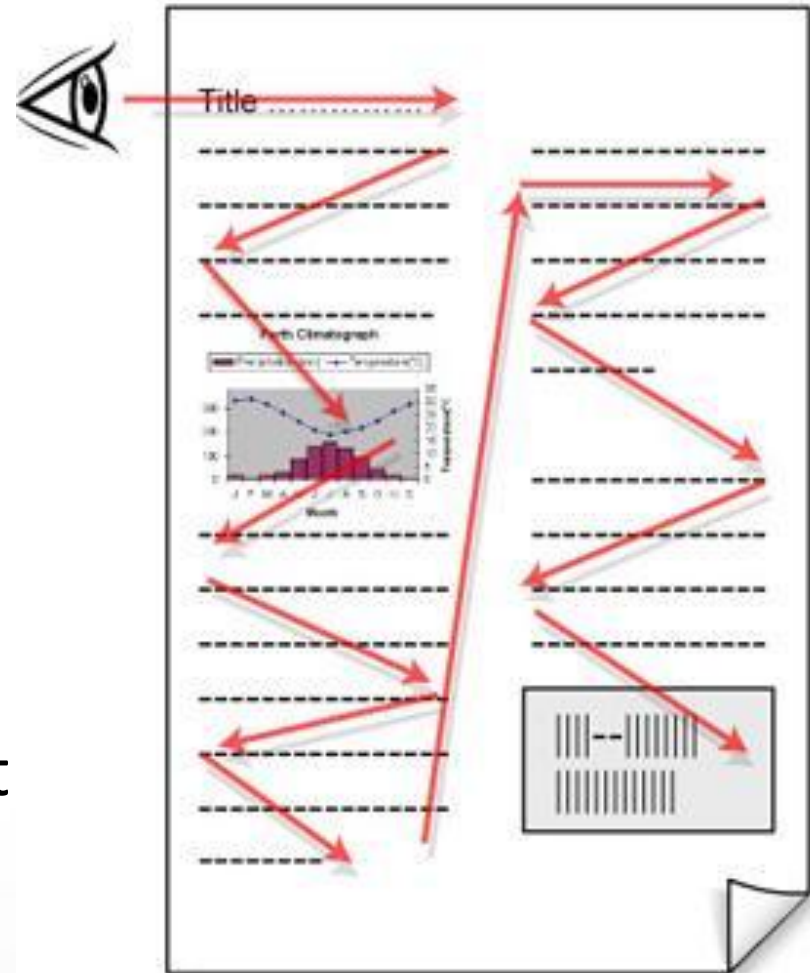
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## ***Skimming:***

Fast reading to get the central idea of a text.

Reading to get the main points.

Never start reading without first quickly skimming through the text to get an idea of what it's about.



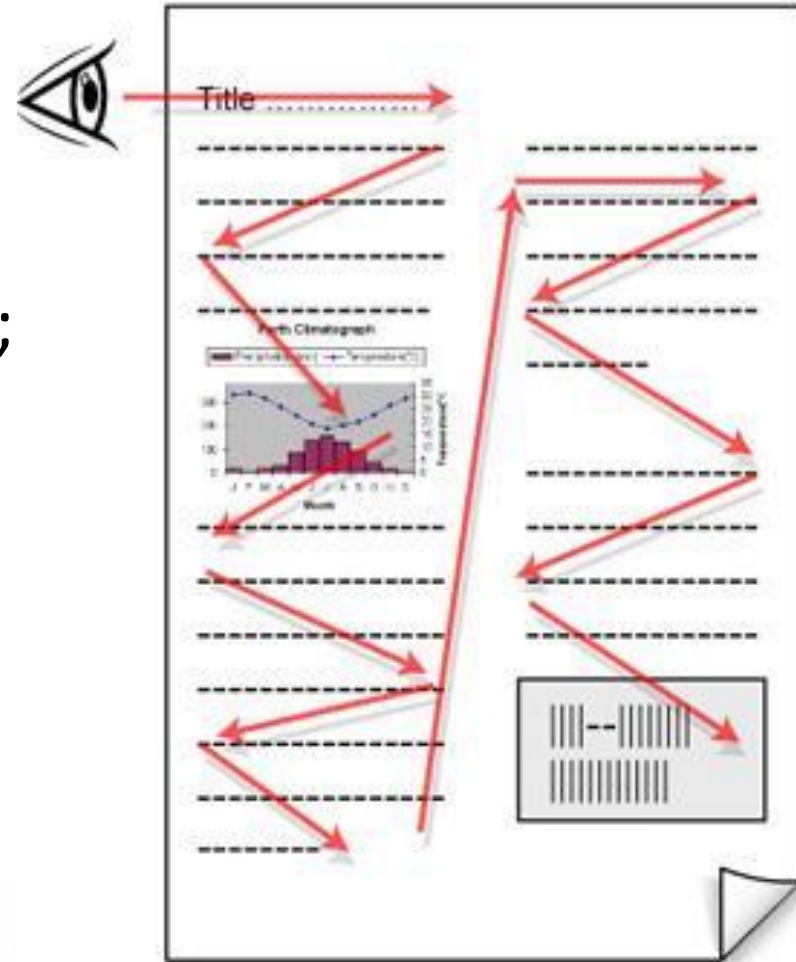
# Skimming

Read:

1. the title & subtitles;
2. introduction;
3. the first line of each paragraph;
4. headlines; keywords;
5. conclusion.

Observe:

1. images;
2. graphs;
3. textual types.





# Skimming

**Skimming** means looking over a text quickly for key words, headings, tables and illustrations, to get the gist of the content.



# Reading Strategies

***Scanning:*** reading strategy to find specific information in the text.

If you only need a specific piece of information, scan the text to find it.

Don't read the whole text in detail.



# Scanning

**Scanning** means looking quickly through the text to find a specific piece of information.

