How to Effectively Read a Textbook

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Table of Contents (ToC)The ToC will help situate you and gives youperspective on what you're reading.



Preview and Preread

Before diving in, take a look at the chapter's title, headings, sub-headings, visuals, and captions.



Chapter Summary Materials Key concepts and summaries are usually what you need to know by the end of the chapter.



Watch out for bolded fonts, definitions, and jot down any questions that you may have.

Take Notes



Compare your lecture notes to your personal notes and even your friends' notes. Ask yourself: "Have my questions been answered, or do I need some more help?"



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