

How to read a research paper

- Skim
- Vocabulary
- Section by section



Skim

- Takes only a few minutes
- Aim is to get an overview



Vocabulary

- Highlight each word or phrase that you don't understand
- Get a feel for the context
- What are the key words/phrases?



Section by section

•Introduction

- What question is the paper trying to answer? What is the purpose of the research? Do you agree with the rationale?

•Methods

- What steps were involved? What data were gathered? Are the data representative? What instruments used? How were data processed?

•Results

- What data are presented? Are sufficient data presented? What is the key finding? How would you interpret the data?

•Discussion

- How are data interpreted? What conclusions are drawn? Do you agree with the conclusions? Are there other factors that should be considered? How would you continue the research?

•Conclusion

- What is concluded? How does this related to the original question? Do you agree? What are the good ideas?

