

HOW TO READ RESEARCH ARTICLES

1. Read the *Abstract*. This small paragraph will tell you what the research is about. It will activate your background knowledge ... Think about what you already know about reading, motivation, comprehension, etc.
2. Why was the research study done in the first place? What are the researchers trying to discover or learn more about?
3. Who did the study involve? Elementary students? Teachers? Secondary students? Parents? HOW many people were involved in the study? How long did the study last? (days, weeks, months)
4. What did the participants (subjects) DO in the study? Was there a group of subjects who did one thing, compared to a group of subjects who did another? What was the difference in the groups?
5. What kinds of data were collected? Questionnaires? Interviews? Exams? What were the researchers measuring and how did they do it?
6. What did they find? What were the findings or results?
7. So what? What does this tell you? How can this be meaningful to you as a teacher?