

SCANNING

Efficient readers determine beforehand why they are reading a particular selection and they decide which strategies and skills they will use to achieve their goals.

To scan is to read quickly in order to locate specific information. Practice in scanning will help you learn to skip over unimportant words so that you can read faster. The steps involved in scanning are the following:

1. Decide exactly what information you are looking for, and think about the form it may take. For example, if you want to know when something happened, you would look for a date. If you want to find out who did something, you would look for a name. You do not read every word, only the words that answer your question.
2. Next, decide where you need to look to find the information you want. You probably would not look for sports scores on the front page of the newspaper, nor look under the letter *S* for the telephone number of Sandra Wijaya.
3. Move your eyes as quickly as possible down the page until you find the information you need. Read it carefully.
4. When you find what you need, do not read further.

The exercise below is designed to give you practise in scanning in everyday life.

Exercise

Read each question. Then scan the following television programs to locate the correct answer. Work quickly!

- a. How many films are on?
- b. Which film would you recommend to someone who likes westerns?
- c. If you like taking photographs, which programmes should you watch?
- d. Which music programs are on? Which channel?
- e. Are there any cartoons?
- f. Is there a comedy program on between 9.00 and 10.00?
- g. How many times can you see the news?
- h. If you like gardening or cooking, which channel should you watch?
- i. What sort of programme is the Friday Alternative, Channel 4 at 7.30?
- j. Which channel ends first? Which channel ends last?

BBC 1	ITV/LONDON	BBC 2	CHANNEL 4
<p>8.30 Breakfast Time: Today's presenters are Selina Scott and Frank Bough. News headlines at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30. Headlines on the quarter hours, and regional news and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15. Today's guests, Peter Ustinov and Harold Macmillan, will be talking about the Soviet Union.</p> <p>12.30 News After Noon: and weather prospects; 12.57 Financial Report. And news headlines, with sub-titles.</p> <p>1.00 Pebble Mill at One: the conversation and music magazine from the studio foyer.</p> <p>1.45 Postman Pat: puppet story for the youngsters.</p> <p>2.00 American Gardens: A non-commentary, pictures-and-music "filler" rather like the soothing potters wheel "fillers" of old.</p> <p>2.15 Racing from Newbury: Featuring the big race of the day - the Gainsborough Stud Fred Darling Stakes, at 3.00. We also see the 2.30 and 3.30 races. Commentary by Julian Wilson.</p> <p>3.55 Play School: (also on BBC 2, at 11.00am); 4.20 The New Schmo: cartoon; 4.40 The Unknown Enchantment: by Rosemary Harris. The story of the casting of a spell.</p> <p>5.10 Breakthrough: New series begins. John Craven tells the story of Edward Jenner, the humble village doctor who made the first important discovery about smallpox. He visits Jenner's house at Berkeley.</p> <p>5.35 Roobarb (r).</p> <p>5.40 News: and weather prospects; 6.00 South East at Six; 6.22 Nationwide: including Sportswide at 6.45.</p> <p>7.00 Film: A Gathering of Eagles (1962) Drama about the United States's Strategic Air Command in the nuclear age, with Rock Hudson as the efficiency-obsessed colonel who gives others at his command base a very trying time.</p> <p>8.00 News: and weekend weather prospects.</p> <p>8.25 Cagney and Lacey: American-made drama series about two policewomen. Tonight, the authorities allow a master jewel thief to slip through their fingers. He is an elderly gentleman, arrested on a minor charge and released on bail.</p> <p>10.15 Happy Endings: Another view of life composed by Peter Skellern in a blend of music and comedy. The last in the present repeated series (r).</p> <p>10.45 News headlines: and weather prospects for the weekend.</p> <p>10.50 Film: Valdez is Coming (1971) Conventional Western about a Mexican lawman who kills a suspect and tries to make amends by caring for the widow.</p>	<p>9.30 Sesame Street: learning things, with The Muppets; 10.30 Science International: facts for Everyman; 10.35 The Poseidon Files: The hunt for the humpback whale; 11.30 Film Fun: Compilation of award-winning Warner Brothers cartoons, presented by Derek Griffiths (r).</p> <p>12.00 Topper's Tales: with Julian Orchard (r); 12.10 Rainbow: with Gerry Marsden as guest; 12.30 Wild, Wild, World of Animals: The clever tricks of the racoon's cousin, the Coatli Mundi.</p> <p>1.00 News from ITN.</p> <p>2.00 A Plus: The topic is middle age. A studio audience discuss it with writers Molly Parkin and Christopher Matthews.</p> <p>2.30 Film: Too Many Crooks (1958) Engaging British comedy about a gang of bungling kidnappers. With Terry-Thomas, George Cole, Sidney James and Vera Day. Director: Mario Zampi.</p> <p>4.00 Children's ITV: Rainbow (r); 4.20 Dangermouse: the cartoon series that is now selling well in video form; 4.25 Animals in Action: All sorts and conditions of frogs.</p> <p>4.50 Freetime: Youngsters perform songs they have written.</p> <p>5.15 Make Me Laugh: A chuckle-provoking contest.</p> <p>5.45 News; 6.00 The 6 o'clock Show: The lighter side of the news, with Michael Aspel and Janet Street-Porter.</p> <p>7.00 Family Fortunes: Prize and cash quiz, with Bob Monkhouse. The Browns from Airdrie take on the Ladds from Romford, Essex.</p> <p>7.30 Hawaii Five-O: Steve Garrett suspects that a doctor is illegally supplying drugs to addicts.</p> <p>8.30 Pig in the Middle: Susan embraces her new-found freedom and Barty begins to feel trapped.</p> <p>9.00 Death of an Expert Witness: Episode 2 of Robin Chapman's dramatization of the P D James murder story reveals the private, poetic side of Adam Dalgleish of the Yard (Roy Marsden). And Maxim Howarth (Barry Foster) starts work as the new director of the scientific team at Hoggatt's forensic laboratory.</p> <p>10.00 News at Ten.</p> <p>10.30 The London Programme: Islington Council has earned for itself the name of "the Bananas Republic" because of the odd subjects that end up on the agenda for debate by its left-wing members. We learn tonight why the council has rivalled the GLC for the column inches it has won in the newspapers.</p> <p>11.00 Shoot Pool! The second match in the John Bull Bitter London Pool Championships has Charlie Nolan competing against Raymond Farrbrother.</p>	<p>6.05 Open University. Until 8.10. Maths Methods: linear equations; 6.30 Beneath Scotland; 6.55 Engineering Statics; 7.20 Quantum: Theory and atomic structure; 7.45 Molluscan evolution.</p> <p>11.00 Play School: also on BBC 1, at 3.55. Closedown at 11.25.</p> <p>5.10 ABC in Kansas City: The last of four films on ABC's coverage of the 1976 Republican Convention in Kansas City.</p> <p>5.35 Weekend Outlook. Open University preview.</p> <p>5.40 Film: A Date with the Falcon (1941) Modestly made thriller starring George Sanders as his immaculate best. It is the story of a famous scientist who disappears. Co-starring Wendy Barrie.</p> <p>6.40 Cameo: a short pictorial essay.</p> <p>6.50 Madhur Jaffrey's Indian Cookery: Rogan Josh.</p> <p>7.15 News summary. With sub-titles.</p> <p>7.20 Headingley Test: How a cricket wicket is made. The story of Keith Boyce, head groundsman at Headingley whose job is to prepare all 20 wickets on the square. But much of his skill and energy is reserved for wicket number 12 - the Test wicket. We learn how, in the summer of 1981, wicket 12 went badly wrong.</p> <p>7.50 Did You See ... ? A panel (Margaret Jay, Bernard Ashley and Yusuf Hassan) discuss Tucker's Luck, 20-20 Vision (the Channel 4 programme about punters) and Village Earth. And Miles Kington talks about doctors and nurses on television. The presenter: Iain Johnstone.</p> <p>8.35 Gardeners' World: Kenneth and Gillian Beckett write books and their garden at Stanhoe, Norfolk not only gives them interest and pleasure but also provides them with living reference material. Roy Lancaster and Geoff Hamilton visit the garden.</p> <p>9.00 Entertainment USA: Jonathan King, in New York City, looks at life and entertainment in America. Items include star interviews, a review of American television, and a report on local radio. American-style. First in a new eight-week series.</p> <p>9.30 Guests of the Nation: Maurice Leitch's adaptation of Frank O'Connor's classic Irish short story set in County Cork in 1920. Starring Timothy Spall and Tim Woodward. (See Choice)</p> <p>10.25 Newsnight: comment and news bulletins.</p> <p>11.15 The Old Grey Whistle Test: Recorded in Dortmund, Germany, this "rock-pop in" concert features Gary Moore and R.E.O. Speedwagon. Can be seen again on April 19. Ends at midnight.</p>	<p>5.15 Acting with Anna: The disciplined play techniques that are perfected at Anna Scher's children's theatre in Islington are demonstrated in this, the first of six films about a remarkable school devoted to what Miss Scher calls "fact-finding".</p> <p>5.30 Countdown: Word quiz game, presented by Richard Whiteley and Kenneth Williams.</p> <p>6.00 Switch: The show that is aimed directly at the pop music generation. Includes a location report by Marc Issue, and music from Alison (Alf) Moyet and Orange Juice.</p> <p>7.00 Channel Four News: News and comment.</p> <p>7.30 The Friday Alternative: Sharp focus on Asians and blacks in Leicester - their feelings about the white community in the city in general and why they think that, in some respects, (culture and business success) they are sometimes superior to the local whites.</p> <p>8.00 What a Picture: First in new series intended to help the amateur photographer to take better pictures. The tutor is John Hedgecoe, Professor of Photography at the Royal College of Art.</p> <p>8.30 Jazz on Four: Joint recital at the Royal Albert Hall by three masters of the guitar: John McLaughlin, Larry Coryell and Paco de Lucia.</p> <p>9.30 Capstick Capers: Jokes and stories from the comedian and singer Tony Capstick. He is supported by the Carleton Main Frickley Colliery Band. The setting is a club where Mr Capstick's "twin brother" also works.</p> <p>10.00 Cheers: A timid young priest-to-be makes amorous advances towards Diane, the girl in the American saloon bar.</p> <p>10.30 Predicaments: Mavis Nicholson encourages a group of ordinary people to discuss their feelings about the prospect of impending death. This is the ninth programme in what has become a compelling series which has gained much from Miss Nicholson's committed interviewing technique.</p> <p>11.15 Film: The Big Shot (1942). Modestly budgeted thriller with Humphrey Bogart as the gangster who tries to go straight but is then caught up in a criminal enterprise masterminded by a lawyer. It was Bogart's last B-movie for Warner Brothers, the company for whom he made his best films and it was made in the same year that he appeared in Casablanca. The film co-stars Irene Manning, Richard Travis, Susan Peters, and Stanley Ridgas (as the lawyer). Directed by Lewis Seiler. Ends at 12.45.</p>