

The T.H.I.E.V.E.S. Strategy

THIEVES helps you activate prior knowledge. The word THIEVES is mnemonic device to help you remember the seven parts of a text that you should preview before you start to read.

T = Title.

Often skipped entirely by readers, the title is the entrance into a chapter. Be sure to read it.

H = Headings.

Headings are the visible organizers of content. Preview them.

I = Introduction.

Chapter goals and objectives are often stated in the introduction. Give it your attention.

E = Every first sentence in a paragraph.

These are often the topic sentences. Read them to preview main ideas.

V= Visuals and vocabulary.

Visuals and bold-faced words give a good overview of the topic. Preview them to begin learning about the topic before you start reading.

E = End of chapter questions.

Preview the questions before you read to establish a purpose for reading.

S = Summary.

Read summaries provided in the textbook to gain prior knowledge and a frame of reference for the detailed content of the chapter.