

Tools for Determining Importance



- Scan the text, notice text features and structure
- Use background knowledge
- Make predictions
- Set a purpose for reading



- Look for a main idea statement
- Look for repeated words or phrases
- Use text features:
 - Table of Contents
 - Titles, headings and subheadings
 - Font (**colored**, italics, **bold**)
 - Graphics (e.g. photos, diagrams, maps, etc.)
 - Captions and labels
 - Definitions and pronunciation guide
- Chunk the text
- Use text structure



- Reread, discuss and identify main ideas