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Textbook Reading Hints

-  You only remember 10% of what you read, so it is **very important to acquire excellent reading comprehension skills.**
-  **Select a quiet place to read** where you will not be bothered or distracted.
-  **Stay alert** when you are reading. **Take short, frequent breaks.**
-  Highlight or **write down main ideas** and key points.
-  When in class, **write down everything the instructor writes on the board.** If the instructor takes time to write something down on the board, it must be important. Then **pay specific attention to those topics in the text.**
-  **Don't procrastinate.** Read information from each class every day. If you wait until just before the test to study, you will be stressed and you will not comprehend the material well.
-  **Read textbook material in sections.** Breaking down the information into smaller parts can help you maintain focus and concentration.
-  After reading over each paragraph, make sure you understand it by **summarizing the paragraph in your own words.**
-  **Read your assignment before going to class.** Then the information will be presented to you twice, so you will be more likely to understand and remember the information.
-  **Develop a positive relationship with your instructor.** Most instructors will give you extra help and feedback if you take the initiative.

