

Active Reading Workshop

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Active Reading

- How do I know if a paper is relevant to my research/ worth reading?
- The title – a ‘hot topic’?
- Abstracts
- Headers and sub-headers (what’s the storyline?)
- Introduction and conclusion (entry and exit)
- Opening and closing paragraphs of sections (entry and exit)

Active Reading Task 1

- Select one qualitative and quantitative paper
- Discuss the title ... how much information about the paper can you gain from the title?
- Does either paper deal with a 'hot topic'? How do you know?
- Are there any differences in the way the titles are written between the qualitative and quantitative paper?

Active Reading Task 2

- Read the abstracts – discuss how informative these are in terms of what the paper is about
- Is there enough information in the abstract to tell you whether or not it is worth continuing to read the paper?
- Read the headers and sub-headers.... Can you identify a narrative or storyline for the text?

Active Reading Task 3

- Read the introductions and conclusions for each paper ... discuss the amount of information you now have.
- Is it more information than you gained from the title, abstract and headers/ sub-headers? What additional information have you gained?
- Do you now have enough information to determine whether you should read the whole paper?

Active Reading Task 4

- Read the opening and closing paragraphs of sections... discuss the amount of information you now have.
- Is it more information than you gained from the title, abstract, headers/ sub-headers and intro/ conclusion? What additional information have you gained?
- Do you now have enough information to determine whether you should read the whole paper?