THE PRWR STUDY SYSTEM

The PRWR study system is very similar in content to other methods of study such as SQ4R, SQ5R, and PQRST; however, it differs in number of steps to be completed. Using this strategy can increase your reading efficiency but not your reading speed.

STEP ONE: PREVIEW THE CHAPTER.

P

The preview should provide you with a general overview of the points to be discussed in the chapter along with knowledge of the chapter organization. When previewing, study the title, read the first and last several paragraphs, search for relationships between headings and subheadings, and dip into the text by reading sentences, scanning graphs and pictures, and noting italicized words.

STEP TWO: READ AND MARK THE TEXT.

R

Read through the chapter completely, trying to understand as much as you can. Mark main ideas, definitions, listings, examples, and relationships; these notations will be useful when study notes are taken later.

STEP THREE: WRITE STUDY NOTES ON THE CHAPTER.

W

Read the chapter again slowly and carefully (section by section.) Take good notes on the information to be remembered from the chapter. Notes may be taken in the margins of the text or on separate sheets. As you write in the book, note key words and ideas; when taking separate notes, record the information in your own words and then add key words in the margins to help your recall.

STEP FOUR: RECITE STUDY NOTES UNTIL YOU REMEMBER THEM.

R

Use the key words to help trigger your recall of the main ideas in each section of the chapter. Or convert the headings and subheadings into questions and then review them until you can recite good answers without looking at your text or your notes. Remember to review regularly throughout the semester.


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