Academic Services Center

**PRR Reading Method**

PRR (Preview, Read actively, Review [or Recall]) is a reading method to help improve your reading comprehension when the text is essential to learning such as when preparing for an exam.

***Step 1*: Preview**

**Preview** the text to give your mind a structure and framework for the reading and to help you organize components of the text.

1. Look over the chapter or reading passage
2. Pay attention to title, subtitles, summary, diagrams, charts, vocabulary and bolded words/phrases, etc.
3. Create questions using the title/heading, subtitles/subheadings

***Step 2*: Read Actively**

**Read** actively to engage with the reading content and better understand the information; this reduces boredom and increases retention.

1. Set realist time and page goals for your reading session
2. Divide reading into sections for better understanding – chunking
3. Read the text and answer the questions you developed during your preview
4. Also ask yourself the 5 *W*s (**w**ho, **w**hat, **w**here, **w**hy, ho**w**) as you read

***Step 3:* Recall**

**Recall** (or review) the questions you developed during the preview immediately following your reading session.

1. Using your own words mentally recall or recite answers to the questions you created
2. Take notes or record your answers
3. Practice your recall with a friend