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Scanning

Skills for reading nonfiction



When we read nonfiction, we don't always read every word. Sometimes we are just looking for a few facts.

When we look for a specific piece of information, we call that **scanning**. For example, we might scan a page for a number or a name.



Scan pp. 14-16 of *Foster Families*. Look for the phrases below. When you find the phrase, check it off. Then look around the phrase for more information. Write an answer to the question about the phrase. The first one is done for you.

September 30, 2013

How many children were in foster care in September 2013?

402,378

between 2004 and 2013

What happened to the number of children in foster care between 2004 and 2013?

average age of a child

What is the average age of a child in foster care?

6 times more likely to end up in foster care

What is one thing many foster kids have in common?

Scanning for bold-faced words

When we scan, we notice that some words in a text are written in **bold** print.



Find the two bold-faced words on p. 13 of *Foster Families*.



Nonfiction books usually include a section called the **glossary**. The glossary lists words that are important for the topics in a book.

What page would you turn to for the glossary in *Foster Families*?

page _____



Find the definitions of the two bold-faced words from p. 13 in the glossary.

means

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Look back at page 13. Find the bold purple word **reunification**. Read the sentences right after the bold word **reunification**. Add a couple more ideas about reunification in foster care.

In foster care, reunification is when



Do you think reunification is always the best option for kids in foster care? Why or why not?

Do you and your partner agree or disagree about this?

We agree

We disagree