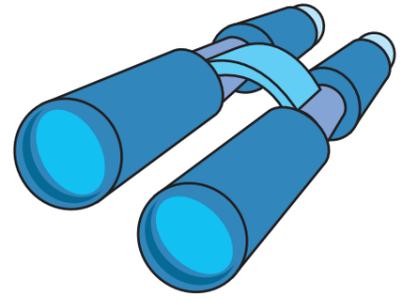# Skim and Scan

I skim a text to get the big picture. I flick through the pages, look at the pictures and contents page, and think what the text is about.

This book looks interesting. I like the pictures. The content page is useful. I think the book will have some information I need to ...

I scan the text to get details. I look at subheadings, pictures, and key words. When I find the part I want, I slow down and read more carefully.

Here is a subheading 'recycling'. Maybe there is more information about helping the environment. I will read this part more carefully.

Good readers use fast reading techniques of:
skimming - to get the big picture,
scanning - to find more detail.