

## HESI READING COMPREHENSION HELP

To succeed on the HESI reading section, focus on identifying the main idea of a passage, recognizing supporting details, understanding the author's purpose, and making inferences based on the text, while also paying close attention to key words and context clues to decipher the meaning of vocabulary within the passage; practice with practice tests to familiarize yourself with the question format and types of passages you might encounter.

<http://www.englishmaven.org/Pages/Reading%20Comprehension.htm> <http://www.educationcorner.com/reading-comprehension.html>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G\\_0tjBQE9ZU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G_0tjBQE9ZU)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EsTebeYSS1I>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4oghzzVedxc>

### Key strategies for HESI Reading Comprehension

**Identify the Main Idea** - When reading a passage, actively look for the central point the author is trying to convey, often stated in the first or last sentence of a paragraph.

**Analyze Supporting Details** - Identify specific information within the text that backs up the main idea, such as examples, facts, or statistics.

**Consider the Author's Purpose** - Determine whether the author is trying to inform, persuade, entertain, or explain a topic based on the tone and content of the passage.

**Inference Skills** - Go beyond the literal text and draw conclusions based on the information provided, considering implied meanings and logical reasoning.

**Vocabulary in Context** - When encountering unfamiliar words, use the surrounding sentences to understand their meaning within the passage.

#### **Active Reading Techniques**

- Highlighting: Mark key points, main ideas, and supporting details as you read.
- Summarizing: Briefly restate the main points of each paragraph in your own words.
- Questioning: Ask yourself questions about the text to stay engaged and check comprehension.

#### **Common HESI Reading Question Types**

- Main idea questions: "What is the primary focus of this passage?"
- Supporting detail questions: "According to the text, which of the following is true about..."
- Author's purpose questions: "The author's primary goal in this passage is to..."
- Inference questions: "Based on the information provided, it can be concluded that..."
- Vocabulary in context questions: "As used in the passage, the word 'reticent' most likely means..."

#### **How to Prepare for HESI Reading**

- Practice with HESI-style reading passages.
- Utilize practice tests or study guides with questions that mirror the format and difficulty of the actual exam.
- Focus on vocabulary building.
- Learn medical terminology and key vocabulary related to healthcare topics.
- Time management: Practice completing reading passages within the allotted time on the exam.

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