



# SAT Reading Checklist

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## Getting Started:

- Subscribe to the NY Times daily headlines newsletter (<http://www.nytimes.com/marketing/todaysheadlines/>)
- Begin a habit of reading a news article every day
- Keep a notebook to answer questions about each article (see questions below)
- Make flashcards for each word you don't know

## Reading Actively:

- Write a paragraph or more answering AT LEAST one of the questions below for each article you read
- Use *evidence* from the article to support your answers
  1. What is the *main idea* of the article?
  2. What are the most important *facts* from the article?
    - Practice distinguishing fact from opinion
  3. What *inferences* can be drawn from the article?
    - Remember that inferences must be based on information in the article
    - A valid inference is a statement that is implied by the given information
    - An inference is a *logical extension* of facts and/or opinions that goes beyond what is explicitly stated, but does so logically
  4. How is the article *organized*?
    - Determine how the first paragraph relates to the article as a whole
    - Determine an outline the author may have used to write the article
  5. What is the *tone* of the article?
    - Describe the author's mood or attitude
    - Identify the writing style and purpose:
      - Narrative
      - Persuasive
      - Factual

## Making Flashcards:

- Are there any *vocab* words you don't know?
  - Guess the meaning from context clues before looking up the definition
  - Make a flashcard for each word with the following:
    - A dictionary definition
    - A sentence of your own creation containing the word
    - A drawing (optional)