

SECTION

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**SHARING IDEAS
AND ORAL
INTERPRETATION**



ORAL CONVERSATION

Conversation/Communication in Context

INTRODUCTION

This section discusses identification of key ideas in texts and discourse. It always gives information on specific ideas or knowledge to the reader or hearer. The information given may come from all perspectives such as education, industrialisation, mining among others. It may also indicate some cultural values such as respect, tolerance and patience. Identifying key ideas gives you a better understanding of the discourse. It also enhances your critical thinking skills and interpretation abilities. There are types of reading techniques namely skimming and scanning and the application of any of the type enables you to get the right information demanded at any time. Knowledge of the types is therefore essential in our everyday life. The concept of oral interpretation will also be discussed. We shall discuss the skills needed for effective interpretation. Interpretation plays important roles in facilitating communication across language barriers.

By the end of this section, you should be able to:

- Identify key ideas from appropriate discourse. E.g., cultural values (respect, kindness, tolerance and others), education, child trafficking, environment, industrialisation in Ghana, mining, GESI etc.,
- Discuss ideas and relevant opinions from selected discourse. E.g., cultural values (respect, kindness, tolerance and others), education, child trafficking, environment, industrialisation in Ghana, mining, GESI, STEM, etc.

Key Ideas

- Key ideas are the main messages that is relevant in any discourse. Some of the key ideas may center on cultural values such as respect, kindness, tolerance, patience, etc. In any discourse you can share relevant opinions on any discourse appropriately and interpret any discourse in your own understanding.

- Dear learner, before leaving home for your present school, what are the main points from the conversation you had with your parent/guardian? Share with peers.
- The main points you shared with your peers are known to as key ideas. Key ideas are the essential ideas that the author or speaker wants to give to the reader or hearer/listener respectively. The ideas may include the claims, the reasons, conclusions, definitions, classifications, comparisons, evaluations, recommendations, etc. Key ideas can be expressed explicitly or implicitly.
- For you to identify the key ideas in discourse there is the need for you to understand the main concepts, arguments, and the points made. Note that the discourse could deal with any topic such as mining, teenage pregnancy, natural disaster, educational issues among others. It must also be pointed out that it could also come in a text form, video or picture or all the forms mentioned.
- In summary, my dear learner to identify the key ideas in a discourse which may be written or oral or visual, you may need to answer the following questions
 1. Find who or what the passage discusses: Does this passage discuss a person, group of people or an entity?
 2. Ask when the event took place: Does the information contain a reference to time?
 3. Find where the event took place: Does the text name a place?
 4. Ask why the event took place: Do you find a reason or explanation for something that happened?
 5. Ask how the event took place: Does this information indicate a method or a theory?

NB: In a text, key ideas are sometimes italicised, boldened, or underlined. You can also find it in the topic sentence.

WHAT IS DISCOURSE

Generally, discourse refers to communication, conversation or discussion between individuals or groups either in spoken form or written form. It involves the exchange of ideas, opinions and information. Note that the definition of discourse could be defined also from different angles such as linguistics, social science and philosophy. The general meaning is appropriate for us. Go online to read the other definitions to broaden your knowledge.

Opinion

Look at the picture below



<https://in.pinterest.com/pin/325103666866708608/>

The ideas you shared from the picture is your own ideas which is known as opinion.

Dear learner, opinion is view judgement formed about something which may not be necessarily based on knowledge or fact. It could be expressed in a statement of advice by a professional expert.

As a learner when discussing ideas and opinions in discourse you do the following

1. Start by listening actively
2. Think before you speak

3. Make sure you have the facts
4. Say what you think in a detailed straightforward manner and support with evidence
5. Use 'I' statements.

Activity 1. Watch the video

<https://www.dw.com/en/the-story-behind-ghanas-traditional-fire-festival/video-66383282>

Identify all the key ideas in the video.

What is your opinion after watching the video? Share with your peers

Activity 2. Read the text below and answer the questions that follows

Tsopa yaya numi, e fumi ke e gumi ba pee je o tsuo yi mi susumi no. Pi e nuli ome pe ne e peeo nyagba ke haa se e peeo nyagba ke haa a suoli ke ma tsuo. Tsopa yaya ma nye ple no juemi ne le nitse e be nye maa hi e dehe hu. Tsopa titli kome ne a po he ni tsumi basabasa ji ni neme ne yeo juemi ke pani ome awi kaa opioidihi (opioids) ke ni neme ne yeo kpeti wu o awi ne e baa juemi ke nomlotso seghi hami o nya si. Opioidi tsopa ko kaa kokee ke ni neme ne a ke ku he womi mi yemi a nya a ya peeo no ne a nu ke beo no. Kanyami tsopa kaa kokee ke 'amphetamine' ma nye ha ne no he mi ne wo la ne e pee klakla. Ekome ne baa juemi ke nomlo tso o ni tsumi nya si kaa agbabi aloo akpetesi ne nihi hu tseo le apio ke 'benzodiazepines' ma nye ha ne juemi o ni tsumi nya ne ba si ne lo o ma ha ne e nulo o be yi mi nye ma susu saminya.

1. Write down any relevant message you got from the passage above and discuss with your friend in class.
2. Explain any moral and cultural value you derive from the passage and share with your friends
3. Compare the answer you had with answers from your friends.

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ORAL CONVERSATION

Reading

By the end of the sub-strand you should be able to:

1. Discuss skimming using preview, overview and review.
2. Discuss scanning using the strategies (e.g., movement of eyes or finger, locating words and phrases)
3. Apply skimming and scanning to extract information or ideas from texts

Key ideas

Skimming is going through a text rapidly to get the general information in the text while scanning involves looking for a specific information in a text. Scanning is a process of reading in which your eyes quickly run through a piece of text to find a piece of relevant information. Scanning and skimming are two different concepts of reading.

TYPES OF READING

There are types of reading skill or technique namely skimming, scanning, intensive reading and extensive reading. Dear learner, in this lesson you shall learn skimming and scanning techniques of reading.

Skimming

Skimming is a reading technique used to quickly identify the main ideas or key points in a text. It is the action of reading something quickly so as to note only the important points. Basically, skimming is reading rapidly in order to get a general overview of the material read. It is used to find specific facts in texts. It involves glancing over the material, focusing on headings, subheadings, bold text and key phrases to get a general understanding of the content. Skimming is useful when; time is limited, looking for specific information, you want to get an overview

before reading in-depth and you are dealing with a large amount of text. Below are the skimming types.

Preview: An opportunity to view something before it is acquired or becomes generally available. Preview is done in an effort to learn about the ideas presented and the structure of their development.

Overview: Used to sample the reading material more thoroughly. A general review or summary of a subject.

Review: The review is done to re-familiarise yourself with the material you have previously read thoroughly or skimmed. A formal assessment of something with the intention of instituting a change if necessary.

Learner, in skimming, you can follow these steps

1. Read the title
2. Read the headings and sub-headings as well as topic sentences in each paragraph
3. Look for important information such as date, names and unusual words.
4. Read the conclusion

Activity

1. Revise what you learnt and explain how you understand the concept of skimming and share your answer with your peers.
- 2a. Skim through the passage below and write down three specific facts found in it .
 - b. Compare the facts you identified with a friend.

Gana Nɔ Tsami Sukuubi nɛ ji Siniɔ Hai Sukuubi a je mi bami yaya ba nge nyagba pee jeha babauu ji nɛ ɔ. Subai yaya komɛ kaa tsopa yaya numi, e fumi ke e kɔmi, ko bɔmi, jumi nge ka ngmami mi ke nɔ buimi ba plegeje nge Nɔ Tsami Sukuubi ɔmɛ a mi. Juabɔ yaya, tsɔsemi kpakpa nɛ be ke sika ke agboje hlami mamaama ba pee nihi nɛ ke nyagba nge bae wawɛɛ nitɛ. Sukuubi a da numi, tsopa yaya numi, asɔ fiɛmi, ajuama bɔmi ke tue gbomi, ni basabasa peemi nɔ ba nge kuɔɛ. Enɛ ɔ ba ple he wami nami he nyagba, sukuu nɔ yami he nyagba ke hwɔɔ se nɔ yami he nyagba wawɛɛ nitɛ.

Sosia midia nɛ ba pɔ he ɔ hu wo nyagba a mi la. E ha nɛ sukuubi nge nɔ yaya ke nimli yayahi a je mi bami hyɛ ke nge mɛ nitɛmɛ a je mi bae. E he maa

hia kaa fɔli, tsɔɔli kɛ ma he mlaa woli maa pee kake kɛ ku nyagba nɛ ɔmɛ a nya nɛ a bɔ mɔde kaa Siniɔ Hai Sukuubi ma na tsɔsemi kpakpa nɛ dlaa nɔ kɛ ha hwɔɔ se si himi kpakpa.

3. Apply the overview and review skimming types to analyse the passage below.

Sukuu tsɔsemi ji safie nɛ bliɔ he blɔ kɛ nɔ yami sinyahi a nya. E ji nimli, ma kɛ je tsuo a hwɔɔ sɔ nɔ yami sisi poku. Kɛ gu Sukuu tsɔsemi nɔ ɔ, wa naa juɛmi, nilɛ ga lele kɛ nyasa nɛ wa kɛ gbleɛɔ si himi mi nyagbahi a mi nɛ wa kɛ peeɔ nihi nɛ ma ha wɔ si himi kpakpa nɛ wa ma amɛ a mi. Tsɔsemi ɔ yeɔ buaa kɛ tsɔɔ nɔ limi, ohia kɛ nɔ mi gbami he kpa nɛ wa nyɛɔ suɔ nɔ wa yami glɛhi a nɔ. E ji nɔ nɛ kudɔɔ ga lele, nɔ yami kɛ ni tsumi nɛ e he hia kɛ ha wa kake pemi kɛ tue mi jɔmi si himi nɛ je ɔ tsuo. Kɛ wa gbo dengme nɛ wa wo sika kɛ he wami tsuo kɛ wo sukuu tsɔsemi mi ɔ, wa nɛ wɔ kɛ wa bimi kɛ ma tsuo hwɔɔ se yi baaɛ.

In summary you have learnt skimming and the steps as well as the types of skimming which you can apply. Dear learner, let us examine what is scanning.

Scanning

Scanning is reading rapidly in order to find facts without reading everything. Scanning helps you locate a particular fact while skimming tells you what general information is within a section.

Scanning involves looking for a specific information in a text. It can also be said to be a process of reading in which your eyes quickly run through a piece of text to find a piece of relevant information. In scanning the reader looks for a piece of specific information. An example of scanning is searching for the meaning of a word in a dictionary. Scanning helps the reader to locate particular facts in an entire text quickly. Students often use scanning when solving their reading comprehension questions.

It is important to know the purpose for scanning. You should know what you are searching for, eg title of a book, a website, a reference material, a particular word or phrase and a particular story you want to read etc. You should know how the material is structured either alphabetically, non-alphabetically, chronologically, by category, by titles /headings, by textual sense, by numbers among others.

Scanning helps a learner to read more and to develop love for reading.

When to scan

1. Scan before reading
2. Scan a number of questions to identify the one which you are most comfortable answering
3. When searching for particular information such as date, keywords etc.

The following shows how to do scanning after getting overview of a text and identifying the sections of the text you want to read.

1. Start scanning the text by moving your eyes and fingers quickly over it
2. When you have identified the information, word or the phrase you are searching for, read the information surrounding the word carefully
3. When you identified the information that requires attention, you read it thoroughly slowly.

Activity

1. In pairs explain the differences between skimming and scanning and compare with other pair in the class.
2. Read this [here](#)

From the readings identify the strategies in scanning a text and discuss in your group.

- 3a. Scan through the text below and identified the specific facts in it.
 - b. Use four key words/phrase in the text to form sentences.

He wami nami ji nɔmlɔ tso, juɛmi kɛ si himi emu yemi se pi kaa hiɔ be kɛkɛ. Ke nɛ ko ngɛ e he wami nami he mɔde bɔe nɛ e ngɛ e he nɔ hyɛe saminya a, lɔ ɔ ji blɔ nɔ nɛ e kɛ naa si himi kɛ nɔ yami mi buajɔ. He wami nami si himi kpakpa ji kaa a ye niye ni kpakpa, a ka kpɔmi daa, a hwɔ si nɛ a hwɔ mahe be nɛ sa nɛ a ngmɛɛ yimi susumi babauu he. Ke adesa hi si saminya a, e ma gbɔ hiɔ gbagblaa numi nɛ, nɛ kalegbɔ mi maa fɔ si heii nɛ e ma na he wami kɛ tsu ni gbagblaa. Nyɛ ha nɛ wa he wami nami nɛ pee wa kekɛle susumi nɛ wa nyɛ nɛ wa hi wami mi kɛ buajɔ.

4. Watch the video below and identify the key information.



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LANGUAGE USAGE

Oral Interpretation and translation

By the end of the sub-strand, you should be able to:

Discuss oral interpretation focusing on effective listening, encoding and decoding,

Key Ideas

Oral interpretation is reframing the meaning of a speech most often orally into another language. The original language is the source language and the language in which it is rendered is the target language. In oral interpretation you must note the cultural differences and be accurate in giving the meaning of what you are to render in the language orally.

CONTENT

Interpretation is listening to a message in one language and rendering it orally in another language maintaining the original meaning, tone and context. It is the stylistic representation of a creative work or dramatic role. It is the act of explaining, reframing, or otherwise showing your own understanding of something. In interpretation you first have to understand the text or the piece given to you and then explain in your own words. In broader terms it is rendering a spoken or signed message into another spoken or signed language preserving the register and meaning of the source language content.

Dear learner, it must be noted that before you can do any interpretation, you must be well versed in the source and target language. Interpretation can be performed either simultaneously or consecutively between users of different languages.

Dear learner, know that in interpreting you do not embellish or over-exaggerate. State the ideas clearly. In interpreting you need to listen carefully, decode and encode as they serve as the process of communication and interpreting.

Mɛni ji klama nɔ munyu

Klama nɔ munyu ji kaa a ma ngɔ munyu tutui kɛ fɔ klama aloo a kɛ wo nɔ kpa ko nɔ nɛ a kɛ sɛgbi ɔ ya ha nɔ kpa aloo kɛ wo nɔ kpa mi. E kɔɔ sɛgbi sisi jemi kɛ sisi numi he. E kɔɔ ni kanemi kɛ sɛgbi ɔ sɔlemi he. E kɔɔ munyunguhi, munyukpɔfahi kɛ munyuzahi a sisi numi he nɛ e kɔɔ sisi jemi kɛ juɛmi ngɛ munyutso ɔ mi ɔ sisi numi ngɛ kusumi, munyu tubɔ kɛ gbi ɔ he blɔ nɔ tomi he.

Munyu womi ke je klama nɔ kɛ ba munyu tutui gbi mi

Enɛ ɔ ji blɔ nɔ nɛ a guɔ kɛ peeɔ munyu aloo sɛgbi. E kɔɔ munyu nya jemi kɛ sisi tsɔɔmi nɛ sisi numi ngɛ mi he. Enɛ ɔ ji blɔ nɔ nɛ tue buli guɔ kɛ nuɔ sɛgbi sisi nɛ a jeɔ sisi hulɔ. A ma nyɛ maa tsɔɔ munyu womi ke je klama nɔ kɛ ba munyu gbi mi nya kaa susumi kɛ juɛmi sɛgbi womi kɛ ba munyu tutui mi.

You need to know the following to do oral interpretation

1. Listen attentively.
2. You should be fluent in both languages.
3. Keep to the meaning of the text or speech in the original language.
4. Keep pace with the dialogue.

Dear learner, decoding is like sending message and encoding is similar to receiving and understanding the message.

Activity

1. Explain the basic concepts in oral interpretation to the class.
2. Explain how you understand the concept of interpretation to a classmate
3. In pairs listen carefully to the recorded audio and interpret it.

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Review Questions

REVIEW QUESTIONS FOR KEY IDEAS

1. Mention five different key ideas you have derived from the talk on health during your orientation program.
2. Discuss with your friend the five key ideas you have identified in (1) and let her or him share his or her key ideas with you.
3. Study the picture carefully and write down a passage of at least fifty words on it highlighting the key ideas.



<https://www.gettyimages.com/photos/ghana-school>

REVIEW QUESTIONS FOR SKIMMING

1. Apply your skimming knowledge to the passage below and share your ideas with your friend. Give the summary of what the passage is about and share with your class mates.

Ngmɔ humi ji ni tsumi pɔtɛɛ nɛ nɛ nihi a juɛmi nɔ jeha bɔɔ nɛ be nɛ ɔ. Okuaa yemi nɛ kɔnihi babauu kaa lo gbemi kɛ lohwe lɛmi. Enɛ ɔmɛ hu a he hia ejakaa a piɛɛ he nɛ adesa naa niye ni nɛ e yeɔ nɛ e yi nɛ na wami. A ngɔɔ ngmɔ humi kaa ni tsumihi a mi oti nɛ si himi mi.

Mwɔnɛmwɔnɛ nɛ je ɔ mi hehi babauu ɔ, a du ngmɔ ni komɛ kaa kokoo, hlɔɔba kɛ doti nɛ a juaa kɛ haa ma kpa nɔ bi nɛ e woɔ sika babauu kɛ baa. Ma komɛ a he nɛ ni nɛ ngmɔ ni komɛ a dumi mi pe ma kpahi. Mahi nɛ a he be ni ɔmɛ ngɔɔ sika babauu kɛ woɔ okuaa yemi ni tsumi

ɔ mi, titli ɔ ngmɔ humi. Ngmɔ huli fuu ngɔɔ klamahi nɛ nya be kɛ huɔ ngmɔ. Babauu hu be gba nɛ a kpaa ngmɔ si ni kɛ woɔ mi nɛ nyeenye kɛ lokwe tsɔwi puɛɔ ngmɔ ni ɔmɛ ke a kpa ni ɔ. Enɛ ɔmɛ tsuo yeɔ ngmɔ humi ni tsumi ɔ awi ngɛ blɔ slɔɔtohi a nɔ.

Amlaalo ma nyɛ maa pee nihi babauu kɛ ye bua ngmɔ huli ɔmɛ. A ma nyɛ ma kanya mɛ nɛ a pee ngmɔ huli a kuu nɛ bankihi kɛ sika si tomi ni tsumi kpahi ma nyɛ maa pa ngmɔ huli a kuu ɔ sika kɛ ha a ni tsumi ɔ. A ma nyɛ tsɔɔ ngmɔ hili ɔmɛ bɔ nɛ a pee ni tohe gba kpakpahi nɛ a nyɛ nɛ a to a ngmɔ ni ngɛ mi ke a kpa ni. Enɛ ɔmɛ kɛ ni kpahi babauu nɛ ngɛ ɔ ma nyɛ ye bua ngmɔ humi ni tsumi ɔ ngɛ ma nɛ ɔmɛ a mi.

2. Apply the knowledge of skimming to an article such as a newspaper and give the general idea of the text.

REVIEW QUESTION FOR SCANNING

1. Apply scanning to a comprehension text given in class and write out all the specific information derived from each paragraph.
2. Describe two scanning techniques and indicate how you can apply it to identification of specific information in a text.

REVIEW QUESTIONS FOR INTERPRETATION

1. Explain the differences between encoding and decoding.
2. Explain three things you will consider when you are interpreting a message from one language to another and why?
3. Listen to the audio in the folder attached and give the oral interpretation to the whole class.

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