Reading journal articles effectively

You are going to write a research proposal for a project investigating the factors influencing international students decision to study in the UK.

### Task One: Pre-reading activity

You have found a journal article called: *What factors influence Vietnamese students’ choice of university?*

Write down what you’d expect the article would focus on. Would this be useful for your study?

### Task Two: Identifying the purpose and main findings of the research

**Scan** the abstract and identify the following:

1. Purpose/aims:
2. Methodology:
3. Significant findings:

### Task Three: Evaluating its usefulness

**Skim** the abstract and introduction and complete the table below:

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| **Relevant to my research** | **Not relevant to my research** |
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### Task Four: Identifying which sections of the article you need to read

Remember you are researching factors influencing university choice.

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| **Section** | **Do I need to read it?** | **Skim/Scan/Read intensively** |
| Abstract |  |  |
| Introduction |  |  |
| Literature Review |  |  |
| Methods/Methodology |  |  |
| Results |  |  |
| Discussion |  |  |
| Conclusion/Recommendations |  |  |
| Reference List |  |  |
| Appendices |  |  |