

Taking Notes From Your Textbook & Vocabulary Strategies

1. Before taking any notes, read the major and minor headings, objectives, section summaries, and chapter summaries within the assigned reading.
2. Organize your notes using the major and minor headings as an outline. Create a brief summary for each heading paying particular attention to:
 - Key objectives
 - Text written in bold or italics.
 - Lists, steps, tips, or strategies.
 - Key example(s).
3. Write down all vocabulary and their definitions. For each word you didn't previously know the definition for you should use one of the following vocab strategies listed below.

Vocabulary Strategies

1. Word Attack: List the meanings of prefixes, roots, and suffixes contained in the word.
2. Five Column: Fold column into five columns where column . . .
 - One is the vocab word.
 - Two is a reminding word.
 - Three is an associative funny sentence.
 - Four is a reminding picture.
 - Five is the real definition.
 - Fill out the columns