



Reading Strategies

Recognizing cognates
and false cognates



Can you understand this text?

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Teenagers Online

Instagram, TikTok and YouTube have become important platforms for communication and entertainment. Many teenagers use technology to access information, watch videos and interact with friends.

- **What is this text about?**
- **Which words do you understand?**

How did you understand it?

- **Similar words**
- **Known words**
- **Context**
- **Title**

English

Technology
 Information
 Communication
 Entertainment

Portuguese

Tecnologia
 Informação
 Comunicação
 Entretenimento

This kind of words are called
COGNATES



But be careful...

Not every similar word is a cognate.

Cognates can help us understand a text, but some words can confuse us

**And this kind of words
are called**

FALSE COGNATES

English

Actually

Parents

College

Library

Pretend

Eventually

Looks Like

Atualmente

Parentes

Colégio

Livraria

Pretender

Eventualmente

Portuguese

Na verdade

Pais

Faculdade

Biblioteca

Fingir

Finalmente

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Before Reading

- 1 Step 1 - Read the title
- 2 Step 2 - Observe images and source
- 3 Step 3 - Predict the topic



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While Reading

- 1 Step 1 - **Identify cognates**
- 2 Step 2 - **Identify false cognates**
- 3 Step 3 - **Look for repeated words**



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After Reading

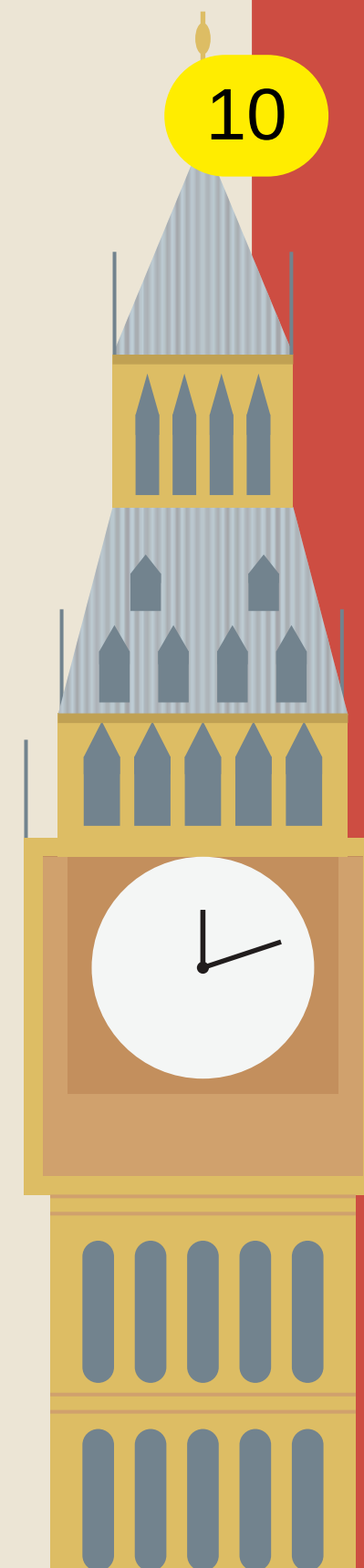
- 1 Step 1 - **Find the main idea**
- 2 Step 2 - **Look for specific information**
- 3 Step 3 - **Eliminate incorrect alternatives**





Time to practice!

Worksheet available on Dalem Didático.



Thank you!

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