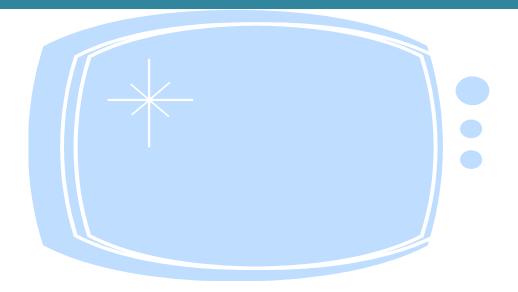
## Difference between Skimming and Scanning



- Key Difference: Skimming and scanning are two different techniques for fast reading. Skimming is all about reading the article in order to get the general idea of it. On the other way, scanning is about locating a specific text or phrase in a document.
- Reading is often treated as a technique. People read an article, book, etc, in order to gain some information or knowledge. Many times, one needs to read at a faster rate due to various reasons like lack of time, etc.
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Skimming and scanning are two such fast reading techniques adopted by a reader. Skimming often refers to the way in which one reads at a faster rate to gain the general idea about the text. It does not involve a thorough reading and understanding. However, it often depends upon the skills of a reader to understand the text quickly. Generally, a reader quickly reads all the words or the text that seems to be important and then tries to gain the general idea about the document. At times, when time is a constraint, skimming is achieved by reading that text only which is considered to be relevant. For example, one may read only the topics.

