Read like a...



Discover the context of the writing.

See how the title or the introduction of the text gives you clues to help you understand it.



Look for cognates.

Find words that look and mean the same thing in English, BUT be careful of 'falsche Freunde' (false friends).



Identify the subject of the verb.

Who is carrying out the action? Think of the pronouns (ich, du sie, er), wir, ihr, Sie



Identify the tense of the verb.

At what time is the action taking place? In the past, present or future?



Check to see if it makes sense.

Read what you think the text means to yourself. If it doesn't make sense look at it again.

'To learn a new language is to have one more window from which to look at the world.'

- Chinese Proverb

