

# Skim and Scan

Readers **skim** to find the main idea of a text. Skimming is reading quickly and not reading every word. To skim, read titles, headings, and some sentences. Readers **scan** to look for certain words or phrases. Scanning can be used to find out if a text or resource has the information a reader wants or if it answers a question.

**Directions** Skim or scan the chart to answer each question.

## Making and Using Money

How to Earn It	How to Save It	How to Spend Wisely
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do yard work for neighbors</li> <li>• Do odd jobs</li> <li>• Return bottles and cans for cash</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Put it away where you won't see it all the time</li> <li>• Put it in the bank</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make a list of things you want</li> <li>• Spend money only on things on the list</li> </ul>

1. What kind of information is in the first column?

2. What is one way to earn money?

3. Who might skim the information in this table?

4. What is one way to save money?

5. Which column would you read to find ways to buy what you want?



**Home Activity** Your child has learned to skim and scan text. Have your child skim and scan a newspaper or magazine article to determine the main idea.