The four steps:

**Question:** transform the subheading of a section of the chapter into a question.

**Read:** Read the section and then pause.

**Answer:** Ask yourself if you can respond to the question using the information you read. Circle your response:

Yes  No

**Check:** Check your answer to the question in order to be sure that your response is correct and that it correctly summarizes the section read. If you weren’t able to respond to the question, use the strategies proposed below:

1. Did you understand the vocabulary? If not, check the definitions of key words, particularly those in bold.

2. Are there clues within the text? Study any maps and figures.
3. Do you know anything else about this subject? Use your prior knowledge.

4. Were you unable to find the answer to your question? Try to summarize the section:

   • What is being discussed in this section?

   • What happens in this section?

   • Explain what this section is about in less than two sentences.

5. Are you really stuck? Re-read the section and try again!