



Bayview High

Beating Up Daniel Chapter 9: Close Call

Working with Words—Study Notes

Justin made study notes in geography class to study for his mid-term exam. Making notes from a textbook can be helpful because:

- (a) you need to read a text critically to get the main ideas,
- (b) you can use the notes to study.

The steps for taking good notes are:

1. Read each paragraph carefully.
2. Highlight the main ideas.
3. Re-state the ideas in your own words.
4. Make brief notes—use phrases, bullets or lists.
5. Use shortcuts—abbreviations or symbols.
6. Re-read your notes for understanding.

Make study notes from the following paragraphs:

Dinosaurs disappeared millions of years ago. Scientists have been digging up dinosaur bones and studying them for over one hundred years. There are new discoveries being made every year.

The scientists who study dinosaurs are called palaeontologists. They dig up and study ancient skeletons, teeth and eggs that have been buried for millions of years and have become fossilized. Scientists use fossils to figure out what the world was like when dinosaurs roamed the earth.