

chunking ^[1]

Type of Speech:

noun ^[2]

Definition:

A technique used to improve comprehension by grouping words in a sentence into short meaningful phrases.

Additional Information:

Chunking is a method of breaking up reading material into digestible sections. Chunking helps prevent word-by-word reading, which can negatively affect comprehension since the reader may have forgotten the beginning of the sentence by the time he makes it to the end of the sentence. Studies demonstrate that chunked material, or materials that are separated into meaningful related groups of words, improves the comprehension of some readers, especially poor or low-ability readers.

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