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How to Read Newspaper Effectively for SSC & Banking Exams?

In government job exams, at all three stages (Preliminary, Mains or Interview) questions are asked from current affairs. So, Newspapers are considered as the best sources for the fodder material. Reading Newspaper will also improve your command on writing skills. Read this article to learn How to Read Newspaper Effectively for SSC & Banking Exams to improve your score.

But, before starting on tips to Read Newspaper Effectively for SSC, go through the previous year question papers of the exam for which you are appearing. This will give you the idea about the way questions are asked directly and indirectly.

Read Newspaper Effectively for SSC - Introduction

- Newspaper reading mainly helps a lot in dealing with two sections for the exams which are **General Awareness and English Language**.
- In this sense, reading the newspaper becomes important for all competitive exam aspirants. While you appreciate the importance of newspaper reading, I'm sure most of you have wondered, How to Read Newspaper Effectively? Which newspaper to read? How much time to devote to newspaper reading? And so on.
- **The Hindu** is considered as the best one among all available newspaper.
- The Hindu Business and Economic Times Newspapers are also very important as they cover the Banking, Insurance, Finance and Economy Sector news primarily which is the main part of the Banking Examination.
- Apart from it, you can follow Indian Express and Times of India newspapers for your exam preparation.

For Best Possible Results, Newspaper Must Have The Following Points:

- **Comprehensiveness:** Most of the articles published in the paper should be relevant from the point of view of exams. This will save time while preparing for the General Awareness.





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- **Standard English:** The articles of the newspaper must follow Standard English. This will help a lot in working upon the English section.
- **Good Coverage:** The newspaper should have good coverage of the relevant topics.
- **News should make sense:** While reading a newspaper, you need to keep in mind that not every news article is important from the point of view of an examination. You need to choose the relevant ones. Well, if you are a Hindu reader, you will find most of the articles are very much necessary for aspirants.
- **Very nice coverage of any topic:** The Hindu gives you a complete coverage of any topic that is of importance for your exam.
- **Language should be very good:** It serves the purpose of learning vocabulary as well. You may not have the time to read something in English separately before the exam; this will help you in revising and enriching your vocabulary.
- **Saves the time to selected topics:** The newspaper is very comprehensive for bank exams and you are spared the trouble of selecting the important and relevant topics from the not so relevant and important ones.

How to Read Newspaper Effectively for SSC & Banking Exams

- **Read Actively:** Just do not go through the lines, try to develop an approach regarding the article.
- **Prepare Handy notes of Current Affairs, Vocabulary and Important Facts:** Make a separate notebook for English and note down the important and tough vocabulary, idioms and phrases. Similarly, maintain another notebook for General Awareness. Write down the points of current affairs, such as sports news in one part of the notebook and finance related news in another part of the notebook. It will help a lot while revising the things.

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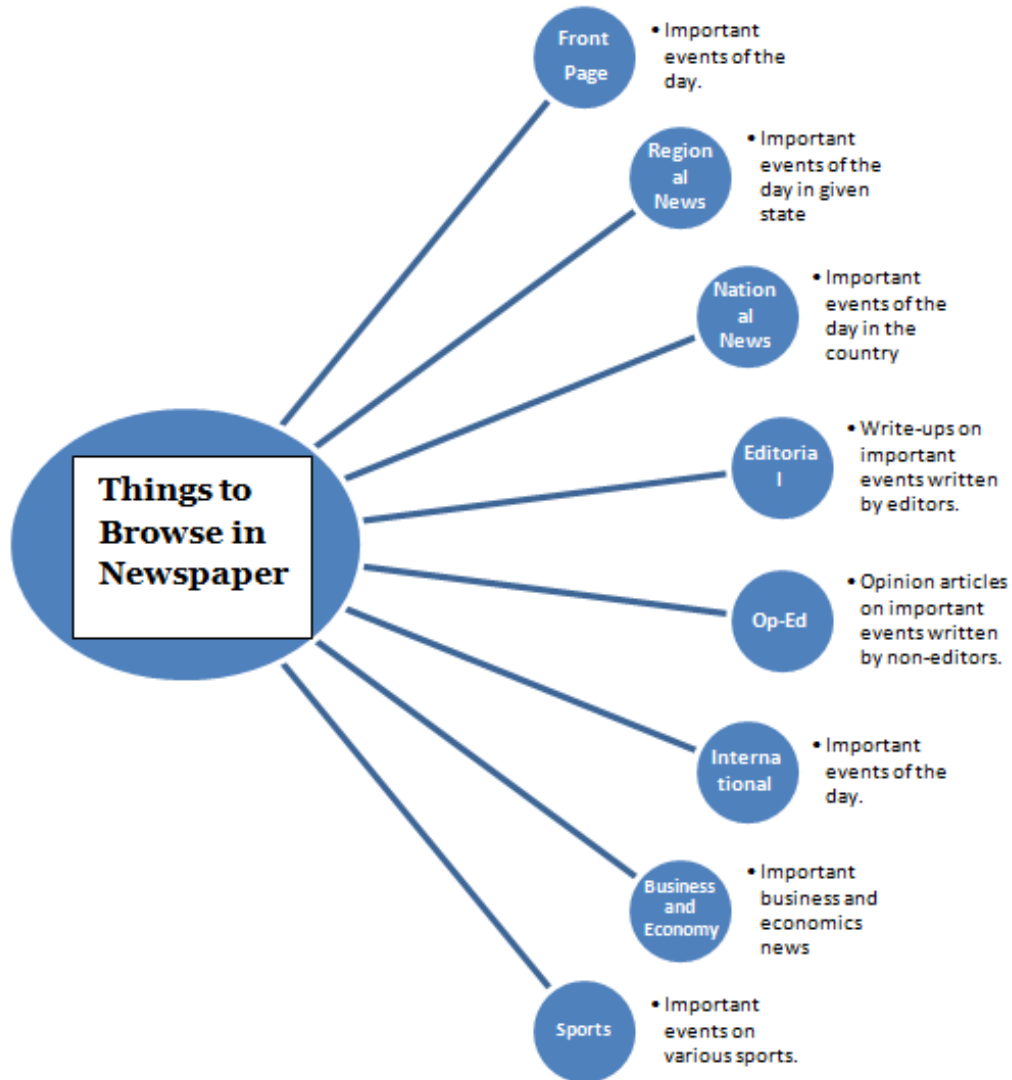
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Things to Browse While Reading Newspaper from an Examination Point of View:



Start reading the newspaper from the end. The last page contains important current affairs related to sports and business deals. In this way, your concentration and curiosity level remains same in the last pages also which usually gets on decreasing



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Read Newspaper Effectively for SSC & Banking Exams - Major Topics

- The announcement of various policies.
- Various bills passed in India.
- Appointment of CEOs and CMDs of Maharatna, Navaratna, Miniratnas companies and popular private firms.
- Government advertisements describing various Schemes and policies.
- Prepare for both Union as well as State Government.
- Sports tournament and World Cups.
- Important Summits and Global issues.
- Countries in news with their capitals.
- Economic related issues (e.g., New Repo rate, CRR, SLR, RBI monetary policy)
- Obituaries of Famous personalities.

Once you develop the habit of reading newspaper on daily basis your eyes will feel more comfortable with the flow of the reading and you can easily identify the mistakes in case of any. It will help a lot in verbal section as well. To improve this particular section, read the **Editorial section** and note down the new words daily to improve your Vocabulary. Also, observe the **Idioms and Phrases** and sentence making to learn the new phrases and usage of English.

For **General Awareness** do not go deep into any issue only try to find the fact. Special focus should be on **Economy and Business page**. Moreover, try to make a note in one sentence and revise it every day at least half an hour.

Advantages of Reading Newspaper

- Improves your reading speed
- English error/ Sentence rearrangement/ Vocabulary
- Improves your concentration
- It is the basic way to grasp Current Affairs thoroughly
- It enables you to read and understand long paragraphs quickly
- Makes you familiar with English Grammar
- Helps you in Essay Writing
- Gives you an upper hand for Group Discussion and Interview

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- Reading is the best hobby for career growth and it needs to be inculcated early on.
- Increase the confidence level

Read Newspaper Effectively for SSC - Dos and Don'ts

- Avoid the 'masala' news related to cricket, politics and Bollywood.
- Do not do research on news related scams.
- No need of maintaining a scrapbook of newspaper cuttings which usually many students do, This will consume your time and the working potential gets channelized.
- Try to speed up the comprehension speed daily.
- Do not go in depth of news at the same time.

Read Newspaper Effectively for SSC - Comparison

Exam	Written Exam	Interview	Importance of Current Affair Section
UPSC and State PSC	Yes	Yes	Very important for Main's exam and interview
RBI Grade B and Nabard	Yes	Yes	Very important for General Awareness and Interview
Bank PO and SSC	Yes	Yes	Very important for Main's exam and interview
CAT and other MBA Exam	No	Yes	Important for Interview

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