

Inside Reading Level 1
Unit 4 Skill Review: Scanning

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The Unit 4 Review Skill asks you to scan Reading 1 to see how many times the word *president* occurs. Scanning can help you find information in a whole text or in a shorter excerpt.

A Let's take a look at a section from Reading 2 "Symbolic Clothing." The section below discusses workers who wear uniforms. Scan to find at least eight different occupations that have uniforms. List them in the blanks below.

Uniforms

A uniform identifies the occupation and status of many workers. In the civil sector of society, for example, police officers and fire fighters wear uniforms. So do waiters and waitresses, airline pilots and cabin stewards, and nurses and dental assistants. With the exception of fire fighters, these people could do their jobs just as efficiently in ordinary clothing. A uniform, however, serves two important purposes. First, a uniform differentiates these workers from other people. A uniform is one way whereby the workers can be easily identified by others. Second, a uniform is a symbol of authority, which gives people confidence in the workers. Another item of clothing that is somewhat of a uniform is the tall, white hat worn by chefs. This hat conventionally symbolizes the chef's position of authority in the context of a restaurant kitchen.

Military personnel, too, wear uniforms, but different types. One type is for everyday wear, and another is the formal uniform worn for military ceremonies. A third type is worn in battle. Military uniforms serve several symbolic functions. First, the various decorations on a uniform jacket and hat are indexes of a member's rank in the military. Second, uniforms encourage members of a group to acquire a sense of unity and pride. Finally, in the context of a battle, uniforms become symbols of the nation the soldiers are defending.

B Now read the opening paragraph of Reading 2. The word *umbrella* is a key part of explaining power status in this paragraph. Scan to see how many times the word *umbrella* is used.

Hundreds of years ago, umbrellas were symbols of power and authority. Kings, sheikhs, popes, and other rulers believed that owning these sunshades added to their importance. The more umbrellas a ruler acquired, the more he impressed others; and, by analogy, the bigger his umbrellas, the more power the owner appeared to have. It seems odd to us today that such an everyday object could have once been used to differentiate rulers from ordinary people. Yet at that time, an umbrella was an unambiguous symbol of power. Similarly, contemporary cultures today employ many common items, including clothing, as symbols of social status.

Umbrella is used ___ times.

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Answer Key

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Answers may include: Police officers, fire fighters, waiters and waitresses, airline pilots, cabin stewards, nurses, dental assistants, chefs, military personnel

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Umbrella is used 4 times.