

## Identifying Article Elements Directions

Today you will begin to understand the parts of a scientific article. You're practicing, so this does not have to be perfect, but you're going to begin identifying parts of the article. Use the sheet "How to Read a Scientific Article" to understand what each part of an article does, and then, on your copy of "Prospective Predictors of Body Dissatisfaction in Adolescent Girls and Boys: A Five-Year Longitudinal Study", complete the following steps:

1. Put a box around the **abstract** (the summary at the beginning of the article) and highlight or underline the purpose of the study (why they did it)
2. Read the **abstract** and, in the **margins**, list what Time 1 and Time 2 means (for example, you might write  
Time 1 =  
Time 2 = )  
*The abstract tells you what Time 1 and Time 2 are - it tells you before it lists "Time 1" and "Time 2" in parentheses.*
3. Look at the first sentence of the article (starting with: "prospective risk factors..."). Paraphrase (rewrite) the sentence in your own words in the margins.
4. Read the "Features of Methods" section on the "How to Read a Scientific Article" document. Then, look at the article and highlight or underline the *subheadings* (the *italicized* headings) underneath the Methods section of the article – there are 3.
5. Go ahead and highlight/underline the subheadings under the Measures subheading – there are 6.
6. Skim through the Discussion section and highlight/underline at least 6 points that stand out to you/that you think are important.
7. Write out any questions that you already have on the back of the article.