

## Tip sheet for

### Read the scientific study behind the news

To answer the questions, learn to skim the article.

You do not need to read every word to understand an article, but it is helpful to learn to skim the article, paying attention to the first and last paragraphs and searching for key information.

Below are hints where to look to find the answers to the Quiz

## The New York Times

Better Health, With a Little Help From Our Friends: [Money and Business/Financial Desk]

Singer, Natasha. *New York Times* [New York, N.Y.] 19 Sep 2010: BU.3.

**Question 4:** Look at First page: headline

**Question 5:** First page: 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph

**Question 6:** First page: Abstract (summary) at beginning of article, also final two paragraphs of article

**Question 7:** First page: 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph, also Second page: paragraph beginning “In the Harvard study... “ and 4 paragraphs after that beginning with the phrase “To that end, Damon Centola, an assistant professor of economic sociology...”



The NEW ENGLAND  
JOURNAL of MEDICINE

The Spread of Obesity in a Large Social Network over 32 Years

Christakis, Nicholas A. [X]; Fowler, James H. [X]. *The New England Journal of Medicine* 357. 4 (Jul 26, 2007): 370-9.

**Question 8** – First page: Abstract (summary) at beginning of article

**Question 9** – References at end of article

**Question 10** - First page: Abstract (summary) at beginning of article