

## READING COMPREHENSION PROBLEMS ON ENGLISH TEXTS

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**Annotation:** Reading and understanding English text is an important skill for any English language learner. In this article, some tips are represented that will help learners read and understand English text correctly. It is indicated that types of reading are the different approaches and strategies which are used when reading a text depending on the purpose and task.

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### INTRODUCTION

Each type of reading has its own characteristics and is used in certain situations. Some of them include searching, browsing, introductory, studying, critical reading.

**Search reading (Scanning):** - Learners look for specific information in the text, such as the name of a company or the date of an event and quickly scan the text, stopping only at the words they need. Example: You are looking for information about Apple's founding date in an article about tech giants.

**Skimming:** - Learners skim the text to understand its general meaning, without going into details. Example: Learners quickly scan a news article to get an idea of what it's about.

**Extensive reading:** - Learners read texts to get a general idea of a topic without focusing on details. Example: Learners are reading a book about marketing to gain a general understanding of the topic.

**Intensive reading:** - Learners read texts to gain a detailed understanding of the content. Learners focus on each word and phrase to understand the meaning. Example: Learners are reading a scientific article to gain an in-depth understanding of a topic.

**Critical reading:** is an active and analytical reading process in which the reader evaluates and analyzes the content of the text, compares it with other sources of information and expresses his opinion about it. Example: Let's imagine that you are reading an article about the benefits of a vegetarian diet. Instead of simply accepting all the author's statements on faith, you begin to analyze the text by asking yourself the following questions:

- Who is the author of the article and what qualifications does he have in the field of nutrition?
- What sources of information were used when writing the article?
- What arguments does the author give in favor of a vegetarian diet and how convincing are they?
- Are there any disadvantages or risks associated with this diet that are not mentioned in the article?

Based on the answers to these questions, you can draw conclusions about how reliable and useful this article is and decide whether you should switch to a vegetarian diet. Thus, knowledge about the types of reading helps students develop their reading skills and choose the most appropriate approach to reading depending on the purpose and task. It also helps them improve their comprehension of text and speed up their reading process, which can be beneficial for school, work or personal development. Knowing about types of reading can also help students use their time more effectively and avoid wasting too much time reading unnecessary information. Now let's move on to tips that will help learners cope with any type of reading:

### **1. Start by choosing the appropriate difficulty level**

The first and most important step is to choose a text that suits your level of language proficiency. If learners are just starting to learn English, choose beginner texts that contain simple words and short sentences. If they are already an advanced student, they choose more difficult texts. There are different levels of reading difficulty in English, which can be classified as follows:

Beginning level (A1-A2): texts contain simple words and phrases, basic grammatical structures, simple sentences and short paragraphs.

Intermediate level (B1-B2): texts contain more complex grammatical structures, a large number of new words and phrases, long sentences and longer paragraphs.

High level (C1-C2): texts contain complex grammatical structures, high-level vocabulary and phrases, long and complex sentences, and multi-word paragraphs.

Additionally, reading difficulty can be determined based on the topic of the text.

For example, texts on technical and scientific topics may be more difficult to read than texts on general topics. To assess the level of complexity of a text, they can use various tools, such as the Flesch-Kincaid readability test or the Gunning Fog index. They rate the difficulty of a text based on the length of sentences and words used in the text.

### **2. Read the text several times**

Reading the text several times will help learners better understand its content. Read the text for the first time, not paying attention to unclear words or phrases. Then read it again, highlighting key words and sentences that help them understand the main idea of the text.

### **3. Read gradually**

Don't try to read the entire text at once. Read gradually and sentence by sentence, paying attention to every word. This will help learners better understand the content of the text.

### **4. Use a dictionary**

If learners come across a word or phrase and don't understand, they use a dictionary. Modern dictionaries such as Merriam-Webster or the Oxford English Dictionary can help them understand the meaning of a word and its use in context.

### 5. Pay attention to context

Context is the environment around a word or sentence that helps determine its meaning. Pay attention to the context to better understand the text.

### 6. Pay attention to grammar

Reading the text will help learners improve their grammar skills. Pay attention to sentence structure, tenses used, and other grammatical structures. This will help them understand the text better and improve their English grammar skills.

### 7. Check learner's understanding

After giving the text to read the text, check understanding. Ask them questions about the content of the text and check how well they understand it. If they are not sure of the answers to the questions, re-read the text again.

Example: For example, let's consider the following text: "The sun is shining and the birds are singing. It's a beautiful day." For the beginning student, this is a simple text that can be easily understood. However, this text may be too simple for the advanced student. In this case, he can choose more complex text, for example: "The economic downturn has had a significant impact on the global economy, leading to job losses and reduced consumer spending." This text contains more complex words and phrases and may be more difficult to understand. However, if apply the above tips correctly, you will be able to successfully read and understand it.

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