

English 51: Basic Reading Skills Daily Hour: Forum 10

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SOME CLASS GOALS

Improve your reading comprehension by:

1. Using sentence clues in order to understand sentences better.
2. Improving your concentration.
3. Improving your ability to connect units of thought into a comprehensive whole.
4. Improving your ability to distinguish between main ideas and smaller ones in a piece of reading.
5. Improving your ability to follow the thinking of the author as you read a passage.
6. Improving your knowledge of the world.
7. Improving your ability to respond to what you read.
8. Improving your vocabulary.
9. Improving your reading speed so that you can read fast enough to keep reading and thinking on the same level.

Improve your vocabulary by:

1. Being able to use a dictionary effectively.
2. Recognizing and pronouncing words correctly and efficiently.
3. Increasing the number of words you use and the number of words you recognize when others use them by improving your word attack skills.

Improve your reading speed by:

1. Improving your concentration.
2. Changing ineffective eye movements and other old reading habits which are no longer effective at this level of reading.
3. Setting a purpose for reading a piece of writing and gearing your reading speed to suit your purpose and the content.

Improve your college study skills by:

1. Improving your time management skills.
2. Being able to find information in a library.
3. Developing basic textbook and study skills.
4. Being able to summarize and put into your own words what you read.

TEXTS

Alexander, Roberta and Jan Lombardi. Joining a Community of Readers: A Thematic Approach to Reading.
You can buy this book from the bookstore. You should buy it immediately or let me know if there is a problem.

Konigsburg, E. L. Throwing Shadows.
You can buy this book for \$4.50 from me. You will need it soon.