

ENGLISH 26: **Reading Skills for College**

Spring, 1998: Kings River Community College

3 units
Instructor: P. Wall

Room PS75
MW 6:00-7:50pm

English 26 is an intermediate, graduation-level reading course. You may take it CR-NC (credit-no credit) if you file before Tuesday February 17. You may not take this class for credit if (a) you are trying to make up an incomplete or (b) you have already passed this course.

REQUIRED TEXT: Adams, W. Royce and Becky Patterson. Developing Reading Versatility. Seventh Edition. Fort Worth: Harcourt Brace, 1997.

It is expected that you own or have access to a good English dictionary.

GRADES will be based on:

- Written homework assignments, including vocabulary notebook (25%)
- Quizzes on homework readings (25%)
- Chapter tests (25%)
- Final exam (25%) on Monday May 18, 6pm

Assignments are always due at the beginning of the class hour. Late homework assignments are not accepted, and there will be no quiz or test make-ups. Instead, I will throw out your lowest homework score, your lowest quiz score, and your lowest test score.

VOCABULARY NOTEBOOK. In your homework readings, you will find words that you are unfamiliar with. Keep a record of one hundred of these words, writing them up according to the Vocabulary Notebook handout. The first fifty will be due Monday March 9, and the remaining fifty on Wednesday May 13.

QUIZZES. These will occur during the first five minutes of each class. They will test your comprehension of the homework reading. Each quiz will have an extra credit question: "What is one word from this story that you have written in your vocabulary notebook?"

DROPS. If you are not doing assignments or are excessively absent (see below under "Attendance"), I will drop you from the class. On Wednesday March 11, two days before the drop deadline, I will tell you how you're doing in the class. However, you are free at any time to talk with me about questions or difficulties you may be having. Keep all graded work that is returned to you until the end of the semester.

ATTENDANCE. I take roll by collecting quizzes. If you are absent, you will receive a score of 0% on that day's quiz, and it is your responsibility to contact another class member for missed homework assignment(s). Upon your third absence, you will be dropped from the course. If you are absent for any part of a class meeting, this will count as $\frac{1}{2}$ of an absence. There will be no class on Monday January 19 (Martin Luther King Day), Monday February 16 (Washington's Day), or April 6 & 8 (Spring Recess).