

## IMPROVING READING SKILLS THROUGH EFFECTIVE READING STRATEGIES

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**Abstract:** *Teaching reading strategies is a critical component of helping students improve their comprehension, according to research. However, a lot of teachers don't have a solid foundation in place before introducing these reading comprehension strategies. Teachers need to be well-versed in both teaching and developing effective comprehension strategies. Therefore, the purpose of this study is to investigate the most effective reading strategies in order to improve students' reading abilities in language classrooms where teachers are imparting these techniques to their students.*

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In the life of modern society, reading comprehension is of great importance as a means of communication. Also, the transmission capacity of visual channels is slightly higher than that of auditory channels. Therefore, the recommended information in the form of a printed text is received more reliably and effectively than the information heard, and it requires less cost and effort. From another point of view, all types of speech activity are interrelated in the conditions of natural communication, and well-developed reading skills have a positive effect on other types of this activity.

The capacity to comprehend or grasp what you are reading is known as reading comprehension. This occurs before, during, and after you read anything. It is an intentional and active aspect of reading. Understanding what you are reading can help you deduce the author's meaning and grasp the main points of the book. Text comprehension and word knowledge are the two halves of reading comprehension. Text comprehension is the process of using the language used to gain an understanding of the meaning underlying the text, whereas vocabulary knowledge is the capacity to grasp the language being used.[1]

Reading comprehension is beneficial and significant for a number of reasons. Proficiency in reading can enhance your personal and professional experiences and augment your pleasure of reading in general. Understanding texts can improve your knowledge in specific areas and speed up the process of learning new material and abilities. Having strong reading comprehension abilities also has the following advantages: a) having the ability to comprehend, evaluate, and react to written correspondence in the workplace, b) enhanced your capacity for productive and clear writing, c) the capacity to understand and participate in written current events, such as those found in newspapers, d) improved capacity for sustained concentration when reading, e) increased enthusiasm for and drive to read

Determining the objective of your reading is crucial because studying a textbook and following construction instructions for furniture are not the same thing! [2]

After determining your goal, you can concentrate on comprehensive reading strategies that will enable you to interact with a text's content more deeply, or on what are known as intensive reading strategies, which place more emphasis on vocabulary and speed.

There are some effective strategies which facilitate our reading score. Now I introduce these techniques. First of all, we need understand Reading Comprehension. What is reading comprehension? The capacity to comprehend what you read is the essence of reading comprehension. Good reading comprehension usually includes a range of literacy abilities required to decipher and recognize meanings in texts. Effective reading comprehension can involve a number of skills, including fluency, the capacity to understand new language, and the ability to identify important textual aspects by employing context clues from the reading. Essential skills needed for reading comprehension include:

#### COMPILING.

The capacity to sound out words you've heard but never seen written down is essential to decoding. It depends on phonemic awareness, the capacity to distinguish between distinct sounds within words and associate those sounds with certain letters. One of the most important steps in "sounding out" or decoding words is to establish the relationship between a letter or group of letters and the sounds they make.[3]

#### Vocabulary

Your reading comprehension may be impacted by your capacity to interpret new words or decode their meanings. Your capacity to generate thoughts, draw conclusions, and comprehend texts more fully can all be improved when you can swiftly decipher new meanings and recognize connections between unfamiliar and well-known concepts.

#### Conclusion

Another crucial component of reading comprehension is inference. By drawing connections between textual data and our own beliefs and viewpoints, inferences enable us to decipher the meaning of the material we read. For example, you might conclude that recycling will help you cut down on the quantity of plastic waste you produce after reading an article on plastics in the ocean.[4]

When we read a text and its meaning and purpose are not made clear to us, we must infer. Making connections between concepts and drawing conclusions can also aid in improving retention.

Your reading abilities can be enhanced in a number of ways. To increase your fluency, try speed reading and take notes whenever you come across new words. Additionally, the stages that follow can help you visualize what you could do to enhance and advance your reading abilities.

#### Make reading objectives.

Setting reading objectives for yourself can aid in expanding your vocabulary, improving your comprehension of various texts, and strengthening your ability to draw connections between what you read and your own thoughts and viewpoints. One possible

objective could be to acquire new vocabulary associated with a particular subject of interest, such as technology, business management, or another. Then, as you read, you can look up definitions for words you're unfamiliar with to expand your vocabulary. The texts you read can get harder as you expand your vocabulary to include more complex words and phrases.

Every day, set aside some time to read.

Practice is one of the best strategies to improve your abilities. It will eventually take practice to improve your reading abilities, but you can dedicate 10 to 15 minutes a day to reading. As long as you put in the effort to improve your reading abilities, you can read any type of text, including fiction, magazine articles, news stories, and magazine issues. Every day, set aside some time to read.

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Use essential reading techniques.

You can use a few key strategies to improve your comprehension as you read various texts. For example, you may recognize an informational, persuasive, or instructional text structure when you preview it. You may also identify important components of various texts, such as the main ideas, issues and their resolutions, or ideas that are contrasted in what you read. You can raise your reading comprehension by employing techniques like making notes, figuring out the purpose of the text, and identifying text features.[5]

Reading is one of the most important types of communicative and cognitive activity of students. This activity is aimed at obtaining information from a written fixed text. Reading performs various functions: it serves for practical mastering of foreign languages, a means of learning language and culture, a means of information and educational activities, and a means of self-education. That is why well understanding of reading among students supports them facilitating their language ability.

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