

READING COMPREHENSION AND THE SPECIAL STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE IT

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ABSTRACT

According to some researchers around the world, reading skills play a significant part in the development of our world outlook. That is why, we should develop these skills very well in order to gain sufficient knowledge that we need for variety of reasons in our education process. So comprehension is something which is a vital part of reading. While we are reading, we should do our best to understand and get the gist of what we are reading for better overall awareness. Through learning and using reading strategies and modifying the way we read, it is possible to develop our reading comprehension skills and making what we read more straightforward as well as more interesting. This article will explore what reading comprehension is and provides with the most useful strategies that can be used to improve our reading skills.

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INTRODUCTION

Currently, everything is changing at an alarmingly fast that we strive to keep up with these changes. In addition to this, the notion of globalization has become commonplace and it is influencing on the whole globe. It is natural that during this kind of situation when there is a huge demand for more productive study of all walks of life, this demand which has also an impact on our country and the way the English is taught is not neglected. Consequently, variety of up-to-date technologies and programs have come into use and they are being put into practice so as to teach English to students more effectively and in a more enjoyable way. Simultaneously, as the Internet and the ICTs are being developed, learning as well as teaching foreign languages and enhancing the reading comprehension in a foreign language makes teachers take on numerous responsibilities. Setting up a communication and a co-operation with the world is one of the most important ways which are useful for economic as well as social development of a certain country. English is a tool that influences on the globalization process. For this reason, English has been given a special attention in recent years to promote it. Uzbekistan is also no exception

in this process, including the decision of the Cabinet of Minister of the Republic Uzbekistan dated 19.01.2022 No 34 “ On Additional Measures to improve The Study of Foreign Languages” defining the demand for the study of the English language will present. Four skills are taken into consideration in the process of teaching English and we usually divide these skills into two groups: receptive and productive skills. The ability to comprehend what you read is vital for a number of reasons and can offer a lot of advantages. (Sartika, F. D., Afifah, N., & Anggraini, Y., 2020). Reading productively can not only broaden your world outlook, but also develop your professional experience and thus, making your pleasure of reading better and better. Being able to comprehend a text is sure to enlarge your knowledge in many walks of life and give you a chance to gain new skills. Reading comprehension can also offer following benefits and it can help:

- to develop your productive skills by creating the chance to speak in cohesive and coherent way and write clearly;

- to be able to understand what you read and analyse it;

- to inspire you to enjoy what you read thus making your time more efficient;

- to understand the information in newspapers or journals and be aware of what is going on throughout the world and so on. The strategies to boost reading comprehension skills. Numerous ways and strategies are available to develop your reading comprehension skills. (McNamara, D. S. (Ed.), 2007). More right and consistent practice makes you a master at what you are reading. The following strategies will come in handy to improve your reading comprehension: Vocabulary build-up Having a wide range of vocabulary in another language makes the language acquisition process easier and give the learners a chance enjoy themselves. (Duff, 2019). If you know the words in a text what they mean, it will be easy for you to comprehend the meaning of the text what you are reading. So to boost your range of vocabulary, you should:

- make list of the unknown or unfamiliar words and look them up in a dictionary. It will definitely help;

- read as soon as possible in order to guess what the words in a text mean to develop your ability to comprehend;

- use visuals like flashcards to learn new words which are difficult for you to memorise;

- learn new words every single day not only in books, but also in films, cartoons or journals which are your favourite. By implementing this, you can have a wide vocabulary;

➤use the words that you learnt in your speech or writing to memorize them better and so on. Making use of context clues It would be a great idea to use the context clues in what you are reading so as to understand it better. (Oclarit, R. P., & Casinillo, L. F., 2021). It will not be a big problem even if you have no idea about the vocabulary which are being used. Context clues are usually encountered in the sentences surrounding the words you do not know exactly. You had better pay attention to the key words or phrases in sentences and get the main idea of that sentence or the paragraph according to that information in order to make use of the context clues.

CONCLUSION

Taking everything into consideration, reading comprehension skills play a significant role during the process of language acquisition, in particular, foreign languages like English. By using the strategies provided above, you can develop your ability to read and comprehend what you read. In addition to improving your reading comprehension skills, these strategies help you develop your productive skills like such as being able to communicate well orally and write in a clear, coherent and cohesive way if you implement the strategies well by sticking to a certain schedule. Reading comprehension is something that serves as a base for overall improvement.

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