



## MODERN TIPS TO IMPROVE OUR ENGLISH READING SKILLS

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### ABSTRACT

*This article describes the basic reading factor in learning English. Currently, studying at international language exams is from the main sections and this article is covered by examples.*

To get a high score in the ENGLISH Reading test we need to build our English reading and vocabulary skills in various ways. Follow these recommended practice activities to increase our reading abilities, even if we only prepare for the ENGLISH at home. These are important ENGLISH reading skills to master. Study these ENGLISH Reading section preparation tips below to improve our ENGLISH score!

To help we read and understand information more quickly in ENGLISH Reading passages, we need to read articles about ENGLISH Reading topics in real magazines and news sites.

When we become more used to reading about ENGLISH topics in real magazines and news sites, we can follow and analyze information in ENGLISH Reading passages more effectively. In addition, we will not feel so 'lost' when we first start looking at an ENGLISH passage, because we will have learned something about the topic before test day. When we read real-world articles, we become more comfortable with the style of writing that is common in the ENGLISH. Unfortunately, ENGLISH Reading passages are not like student essays we learned to write in school. ENGLISH Reading passages are often more 'loose' in their organization, with the main point of a paragraph not always found at the beginning of a paragraph. Also, the first paragraph may not clearly describe or point out the purpose of the whole passage. This style of writing is common in magazine and online articles, and is similar to how ENGLISH Passages present information [1].

When we read real articles related to common ENGLISH topics, we also can use those articles to build lists of words and ideas related to that topic. Whenever we read a 'real-world' article, always look through it for vocabulary that is related to the topic. Also, look for vocabulary we didn't know before and write them down; look up their definitions and add them to our list of words to memorize.



This method will let us expand our English vocabulary naturally, as well as use these words in the ENGLISH Writing and Speaking tests.

An important ENGLISH Reading skill is to be able to understand the main point or topic of a paragraph. So, to improve our hunting skills and to help us answer Matching Paragraph Heading questions, it is useful to practice creating 'topic' outlines of passages. This activity can also help us more easily determine the main idea of each paragraph.

To do this, use the following method.

1. Carefully read the first and last sentence of a paragraph and determine what kinds of topic or ideas they share. Write a short note about these topics and ideas next to the paragraph. We might notice that the first and last sentences share a topic but seem to be focusing on different ideas. Maybe the ideas even disagree with each other. That might hint at a shift in the main idea or that the paragraph is presenting two contrasting ideas.

2. Quickly read or skim through the rest of the paragraph to see if any new topics or ideas are presented. Write short notes next to the paragraph about these topics and ideas.

3. Look over our notes and see if we can summarize these ideas with just one Short Note. In this Step we are building our skill in 'synthesizing' (combining and connecting information to understand larger ideas).

4. Move to the next paragraph and repeat Steps 1-3 above until we have written a Short Note about each paragraph in the passage.

Review all the Short Notes we made for all the paragraphs. Can we see how the topic of one paragraph is connected to the topic of the ones before and after it? In this Step we are building our skill in 'synthesizing' (combining and connecting information to understand larger ideas) across the entire passage [2,3].

When we are practicing summarizing paragraphs, it is okay to be a little uncertain or vague about what the main topic or idea of the sentence or paragraph is. Keep practicing! It takes time and effort to be able to summarize a paragraph quickly and effectively.

An effective method to help us read more quickly is 'chase' a speaker while reading a transcript of their words. Choose a video or podcast we have listened to already - this video or podcast needs to have a transcript or subtitles. Play the video or audio and try to read the transcript as fast as the person is talking. If the person is talking slowly, we can adjust the speed setting to make it more difficult.

The purpose of this exercise is to increase our ability to 'look' at words without feeling the need to 'read' them. It builds our ability to focus on what words we are looking at, increasing our 'scanning' and 'skimming' speed when we are looking at ENGLISH Reading passages [4,5,6].

An advanced technique we can add to this exercise is to try and speak the words at the same speed as the other person. This will also help us improve our brain's ability to process English words more quickly, which will help us increase our speed in searching for and analyzing information in ENGLISH Reading Passages.

So, to improve our ENGLISH Reading score, remember these important skill building techniques. Read real-world articles about common ENGLISH topics, and build our knowledge of the synonyms and antonyms. Practice summarizing paragraphs and passages into short



outlines to help we with certain types of questions. Use the 3×3 Method to increase our reading speed so that we have more time to check the accuracy of our answers. Build our ENGLISH Reading skills using these techniques and knowledge building activities, and we will see our ENGLISH Reading score improve!

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