# Reading Strategies for the ESL Classroom

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#### Discuss the Following Questions

- 1. How are reading skills and listening skills similar?
- 2. How is reading instruction and listening instruction similar?
- 3. What steps do you take to teach reading?

#### Sources

What might our students read?

#### What does Van Duzer say?

- Read with a purpose
- Read at a quick rate
- Use a variety of strategies
- Interact with the text
- Evaluate a text and the author's intent
- Expect to understand
- Read silently (SSR)

### Steps to Reading

- Establish a context
- Establish a clear purpose
- Do a pre-reading task
- Do a while-reading task
- Do a post reading task

#### Establish a Context

- Schema Theory
- Abstract and Unfamiliar

#### Purpose

Obtain a fact

Discover the general idea

Get a comprehensive understanding

Read critical to evaluate and express opinions.

#### Pre-Reading Activities -1

- 1. Brainstorm
  - Clustering
  - Word association
  - Categorizing
  - Developing charts and graphs
  - Surveying or conducting polls
- 2. Summarize previous related lessons
- 3. Survey headings

#### Pre-Reading Activities -2

- 4. Discuss graphics of illustrations
- Predict topics and organizational patterns
- 6. Set goals and purpose for reading
- Choose appropriate strategies (skimming, scanning, identifying, main ideas)

(Adapted from Burt)

### Increasing Reading Rate

Metacognative strategies

Timed or paced reading

Automaticity exercises

Focus on skimming and scanning techniques

Sustained Silent Reading

# Reading to Improve Comprehension

Reader selects important information

Reader monitors comprehension

Reader modifies predictions

Reader guesses meaning from context

Reader compares new information w/knowledge

Reader withholds value judgments

Reader questions self about meaning

Reader connects and organizes ideas

Reader summarizes next segments

(Adapted from Burt)

## Post Reading Activities - 1

Purpose	Strategy	Post-reading task
Understand the main idea	Skimming	Discuss the main idea; answer MC Questions
Obtain specific facts	Scanning	Answer Questions; Complete chart of graph; discuss info in groups
Comprehensive understanding	Identify important info; organize info	Answer questions, complete graph of chart; write an outline; summarize

## Post Reading Activities -2

Purpose	Strategy	Post-reading task
Comprehensive understanding	Identify important info; organize info	Answer questions, complete graph of chart; write an outline; summarize
Read critically	Withhold judgment; make judgments, compare info w/experience	Evaluate in a group or alone; analyze in a group or alone; synthesize in a group or alone

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