

The Learning Centre

Language Skills Improving Your Reading

Read, read, read!!! The best way to improve your reading skills is to practice reading every day. Try short stories, poems, novels, readers for language learners, magazines, newspapers, blogs, or non-fiction resources. Most importantly, read what you are interested in!

Read a passage or a story. Try skimming (reading over quickly) for the main idea or scanning (reading for detail) to find answers to specific questions.

Ask wh-questions as you are reading: Who? What? When? Where? Why?

As you are reading, if you come across a word you do not recognize, look the word up in the dictionary. If you do not have access to a paper or online dictionary at that time, underline the word or write the word down on a separate piece of paper. When you have access to a dictionary, look up the definitions of any words you did not recognize.

Try to predict what the reading is about from the title, subtitles, headlines, diagrams or other clues.

Try reading out loud.

Ask for help in the Learning Centre! We are available to help with comprehension, vocabulary, and grammar.