Teaching reading



• (Foreign language) texts open the door into another world

The written world

- books,
- comics and magazines,
- texts on a computer screen,
- on a mobile display,
- inscriptions and labels

Active reading

- imagine and create a mental picture
- try to predict what will happen next
- recall what has happened previously
- identify with the situations or characters
- make judgements
- find useful values in the text

Pre-reading activities

- Look and say/read
- Look and do
- Match words/sentences with pictures
- Match halves of sentences together
- Draw a picture
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Activities during reading

- Fill in the chart
- put the words or sentences in order
- fill in the missing words in sentences
- write words instead of pictures in the text
- complete the last word in a sentence or the last sentence in a story

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Activities after reading

- Draw a picture based on the text
- fill in the crossword based on the text
- mime the story
- choose the right picture which suits the story from the set of pictures
- discover the mistake in the summary
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Texts should:

- enable a creative partnership with the text,
- involve interest,
- involve the experience of a student

"Easy reading is damned hard writing."

Nathaniel Hawthorne