

Unit - 3

Reading and Understanding

What are reading skills?
Reading skills is more important ^{than} speaking or writing. Reading is a complex communicative process of receiving and interpreting the written word. It involves recognising what is written and comprehending the matter that understands the main and subsidiary points as well as links b/w diff parts of written material.

Purpose of reading skills :

- Pleasure and enjoyment
- Practical application
- To get an overview
- To locate specific information
- To identify central idea or theme
- To develop a detailed and critical understanding.

Types of reading skills :

- ① Scanning → for finding answers to questions
- ② Skimming → for learning; syllabus
- ③ Intensive reading → for learning; syllabus
- ④ Extensive reading → story books; for pleasure reading
- ⑤ work for work reading → vocabulary
- ⑥ Speed reading
- ⑦ Proof reading

Process of reading

Recognition ⇒ Identify

↳ **Preception** ⇒ point of view

↳ **Comprehension** ⇒ Ability to understand

↳ **Association** ⇒ joining or working together

may be with a different group or person

Strategies to improve reading skills:

- Read about things that interest you
- Read material that is at your level
- Learn to read in depth
- Listen first while having trouble in reading
- Let your imagination get involved
- Do not worry about what you do not understand

• CLOSE READING

What is close reading?

- Close reading is thoughtful and critical analysis of a text that focuses on significant details or patterns in order to develop a deep, precise understanding of the text's form, craft, meanings etc.

Close reading is a way of reading text that encourages students to read and re-read with a purpose each time in order to help students to achieve a deep comprehension.