



## THE IMPORTANCE OF READING COMPREHENSION IN LEARNING ENGLISH

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### Abstract

This article examines the importance of reading comprehension in learning English. Reading comprehension is a fundamental language skill that contributes to vocabulary growth, grammatical accuracy, critical thinking, and overall communicative competence. The article discusses effective methods and pedagogical approaches for developing reading comprehension skills in English language classrooms.

### Keywords

Reading comprehension, English language learning, vocabulary development, critical thinking, pedagogy, communicative competence.

### Annotation (Uzbek)

Ushbu maqolada ingliz tilini o'rganishda o'qib tushunish ko'nikmasining ahamiyati tahlil qilinadi. O'qib tushunish lug'at boyligini oshirish, grammatik bilimlarni mustahkamlash va tanqidiy fikrlashni rivojlantirishda muhim rol o'ynaydi.

### Introduction

Reading comprehension is one of the most important skills in language learning. It enables learners to understand written texts, interpret information, and apply knowledge in different contexts. In modern English language teaching, reading is considered not only a receptive skill but also a tool for developing speaking, writing, and critical thinking abilities.



### 1. Importance of Reading Comprehension

Reading comprehension helps students acquire new vocabulary naturally through context. It also reinforces grammar structures and exposes learners to authentic language use. Students who read regularly generally perform better in academic and communicative tasks.

### 2. Benefits for Language Development

Reading enhances vocabulary retention, improves spelling, develops sentence structure awareness, and increases cultural knowledge. Through reading, learners encounter different writing styles and genres, which contribute to their overall language proficiency.

### 3. Effective Methods for Teaching Reading

a) Extensive Reading – encouraging students to read books, stories, and articles for pleasure.

b) Intensive Reading – analyzing texts carefully to understand details, vocabulary, and grammar.

c) Interactive Activities – discussions, prediction tasks, summarizing, and comprehension questions.

d) Digital Resources – online articles, e-books, and educational platforms.

### 4. Pedagogical Recommendations

Teachers should select interesting and level-appropriate texts, teach reading strategies such as skimming and scanning, encourage independent reading habits, and provide constructive feedback. Classroom activities should focus on both understanding and critical evaluation of texts.

Examples

Example 1:



Reading short stories and answering comprehension questions.

Example 2:

Summarizing a newspaper article in students' own words.

Example 3:

Discussing the main idea and supporting details of a text in groups.

### Conclusion

Reading comprehension plays a vital role in learning English. It supports vocabulary acquisition, grammar development, critical thinking, and communication skills. Therefore, English teachers should integrate a variety of reading activities and strategies into their lessons to help students become confident and independent readers.

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