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.


- 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 or other strategies to develop your reading skills.