



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 or other strategies to develop your reading skills.