

## ENHANCING READING COMPREHENSION SKILLS IN ESL LEARNERS

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**Annotation:** *This article investigates the role of intensive and extensive reading in enhancing reading comprehension among ESL (English as a Second Language) B1 students. It discusses the significance of both intensive and extensive reading in improving understanding of texts. Also emphasizes the importance of combining both strategies to maximize reading comprehension.*

**Key Words:** *Reading comprehension, ESL learners, intensive reading, extensive reading, vocabulary development.*

**Аннотация:** *Данная работа исследует стратегии улучшение навыков понимания прочитанного у учащихся ESL (английский как второй язык). Обсуждается важность как интенсивного, так и экстенсивного чтения для улучшения понимания текстов. также подчеркивает важность объединения обеих стратегий для максимального понимания прочитанного.*

**Ключевые слова:** *Понимание прочитанного, учащиеся ESL, интенсивное чтение, экстенсивное чтение, развитие словарного запаса.*

Intensive reading and extensive reading are two important strategies for improving students' reading skills:

Intensive reading focused on thoroughly understanding the text. It allows students to read a text attentively, identify the main ideas, understand details, and analyze the author's viewpoint. Extensive reading, on the other hand, focuses on quickly grasping the overall meaning of the text in a short period. It helps students skim the text, identify the main ideas, and find necessary information.

Vocabulary development is a crucial aspect of improving reading comprehension. A broader vocabulary allows students to understand a variety of texts. Some methods for vocabulary development include:

Learning words in context: Learning words in the context helps students understand their meaning better would be a bit clearer.

Visualizing words: Associating words with images and diagrams improves their retention.

Repeating words: Regularly repeating words ensures their long-term retention.

Additional Strategies to Enhance Reading Comprehension:

Asking questions: Encourage students to ask questions before, during, and after reading the text. This increases their attention and improves comprehension.

Visualizing the text: Helping students visualize the text deepens their understanding.

Analyzing the text: Helping students analyze the text assists them in understanding the author's perspective, the structure of the text, and its purpose.

Evaluating the text: Helping students evaluate the text allows them to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the text.

Improving reading comprehension skills requires a consistent and multi-faceted approach. By applying the strategies above, teachers can significantly improve ESL students' reading skills.

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