

Special Factors of Reading Comprehension

Note: Rate and comprehension are so closely related that many suggestions pertaining to one also apply to the other. Some of the specific factors included on this page have already been stated. They are repeated here for the purpose of giving emphasis to their importance.

Item	Never	Seldom	Often	Usually	Constantly
1. Have a pre-study period of questioning before commencing to read; review mentally what you already know about the subject .					
2. Keep alert physically and mentally; concentrate; back mental reaction with physical reaction					
3. Practice noting the various data regarding the publication, author's name, author's position, and other information concerning your books					
4. Both before and during your reading practice asking yourself questions which cannot be answered with a single word, read to answer those questions.					
5. Read in several sources to find the answer to a definite problem or to settle controversial issues					
6. Read the selection rapidly at first to get an over-view of the material, then reread the selection carefully giving especial attention to important points.					
7. Practice sorting the essential and non-essential statements of a selection by selecting important points and supporting details; finding materials related to given problems; determining the essential conditions of a problem, etc.					
8. Practice picking out the central ideas of long sentences and paragraphs, while reading rapidly.					
9. Practice reading articles and telling in a sentence what they are about					
10. Give especial attention to the beginning and ending of sentences and paragraphs . .					
11. Drill yourself in word recognition; try to increase the accuracy of word recognition; note words that are similar in form but different in meaning					
12. Make a practice of pausing occasionally during your reading to summarize mentally what you have just read					