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UNEX Improving Reading Practices

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Keywords: #speed reading

Duration: *10 minutes. The teacher sets the time.*

Description:

This method is testing how many words can the students read per minute and helps them to improve their reading speed.

Objectives:

1. Every one of the students is participating

2. Practicing a speed reading

3. A motivation for further progress

Activity(ies) (Stages):

When the time is set, the students have 10 minutes for reading.

When the 10 minutes are over, the students need to highlight the last word they reached and to count all the words they read. The number of the read words have to be divided by 10. The result gives the average words per minute reading rate of each student.

This method can be used as a competition between the students and to improve their motivation. On the end of the reading when the results are calculated and clear for everyone, the students can share their accomplishment with each other and the one with the biggest amount of read words would be the winner.

The students can compare their reading speed by trying different types of reading, such as history, poetry, magazines or newspapers and to find out if someone's reading speed change according to the type of reading.

Tips for trainers

Some ways to increase the reading speed include using your fingers to direct your eyes smoothly across a page, reading more than one word at a time, and reducing the amount of mouthing the words or hearing yourself as you read.

List of resources, materials etc.

A timer

A pencil (for everyone)

Pen and paper/ A calculator (for everyone)

Evaluation/Feedback

The teacher will provide feedback on the applicability of the method.

Here are some possible speed standards for relatively light reading at different grade levels.

Grade 2 (100-140); Grade 3 (120-160); Grade 4 (140-180); Grade 5 (160-180); Grade 6 (180-220); Grade 7 (190-230); Grade 8 (200-240).