

Reading Power (Part 2)



To learn English, living in an English speaking country is the best. This is because you (1)_____ spend lots of time with English speakers every day, and you will need English to survive. But besides living (2)_____ , extensive reading

may be the (3)_____ (4)_____ thing for learning English. You don't have to go to the English speaking world. You can put the world of English in your hands by reading lots of stories.

But what (5)_____ is extensive reading? And how do you do it? In short, extensive reading is about 5 basic ideas. With extensive reading, you . . .

1. read (6)_____
2. read (7)_____ stories
3. (8)_____ what you read
4. read (9)_____ stories
5. read for (10)_____

First of all, extensive reading is reading a lot. For example, during a period of four months, one of my students read (11)_____ words. That is an average of (12)_____ per day. This may seem like a lot, but look at the amount of time she spent. She reads about 150 words (13)_____ minute, so she can read all these words, stories, and books in just

(14)_____ minutes per day. At this speed, she will read 1,000,000 words in one year. That's an amazing amount in under 15 minutes per day.

With this much reading, you can (15)_____ great results. A professor in Japan showed this in his research. Dr. Hitoshi Nishizawa studied two groups of students. One group of students studied for one year in an English speaking country. Another group did extensive reading every day. Let's call these groups the "(16)_____ " and the "(17)_____ ."

Some of the readers read (18)_____ words in one year. These readers improved just as much as the travelers. (Remember, the travelers studied abroad for one year.) Some readers read (19)_____ words in one year, and they improved even more than the travelers. The results of this study are amazing, but good results like this are (20)_____ in the science of extensive reading. This is a great result, but 3,000,000 words is also a great amount of reading.



ASK QUESTIONS AND BE IN CONTROL.

1. **Challenge.** Turn your paper over. Listen and then answer from your notes!
2. What are the five key ideas of extensive reading?
3. For the student mentioned in this story, how many words did she read in 4 months, and how long did it take her per day?
4. What are the names of the two groups that Dr. Nishizawa compared?
5. How many words do you need to read in 1 year to equal 1 year abroad?
6. How long will it take you per day to read 3 million words in 1 year?