

## UNLOCKING READING SKILLS WITH COMPREHENSION MATTERS

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Comprehending the text will help the readers to know and identify what is it trying to convey. How can you understand the simple directions written on the street, the warnings and some reminders somewhere, the instruction written on the test paper if you can't read without understanding? Reading with comprehension matters, as if it is the key for readers to properly analyze the information written on the text.

Reading starts in home, with parents being their first teachers. And reading goes through different processes that involves the parents, teachers, and the reader itself. Reading begins with the introduction of the different letters and their correct sounds. Let the children know that the name of the letter is different for each sound. And then gradually combine the sound of the letters to form syllables into words, and words into sentences.

School teachers, on the other hand, have a variety of strategies for teaching reading, including a simple approach designed to give students the necessary reading skills to improve their reading success. Moreover, teachers assess the reading level of the readers first before making a decision on what strategy on reading will they implement. Also, it aims to develop a training model to enhance the ability of teachers in teaching reading in the primary grades especially in the First Grade.

Reading does not end with learning the correct pronunciation of letters, syllables, words, and sentences. Comprehensive reading should be emphasized, from the philosophy called "progressivism", children learn from their various experiences. They tend to learn by doing and experience. Therefore, teachers implement this philosophy in teaching

reading, they give varied reading materials to the students, and let them read. Afterwards, follow up questions were given to know if the readers understand what they have learned.

It is important to read with comprehension, so that we know what a text wants to convey. Also, learning to read is the key to improves other skills too!

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