

## THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PEER TUTORING IN IMPROVING READING COMPREHENSION SKILLS

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Reading comprehension skills refers to a student's capacity to understand, analyze, assess, and respond to readings. In teaching, this helps students connect with what they read by fostering higher-order thinking skills in addition to word recognition (Brandon, 2021). Teachers are essential in helping kids develop these abilities and turn reading into a worthwhile educational experience.

Students need to have strong comprehension abilities since they are essential for comprehending and using information in all academic areas. It is needed by them to be able to understand meaning, make connections between concepts, and critically think about what they read. As a teacher, we must understand that learning is more than just memorizing words. When it comes to solving problems both within and outside of the classroom, having strong comprehension abilities enables students to assess data, draw conclusions, make predictions, and evaluate concepts.

One effective way to teach comprehensive skills is through peer tutoring. Students use this cooperative teaching method to support one another's learning. Under the guidance of a teacher, a more experienced or somewhat more advanced student assists a peer who requires more assistance in this method. It is based on the idea that students have similar language, experiences, and viewpoints, they often learn effectively from their classmates (Duran et al., 2024).

Group and interactive learning are made achievable for pupils through peer tutoring. This method pairs students so that one is a tutee and the other is a tutor, giving

both parties the chance to gain from the educational process. Tutors help peers utilize comprehension techniques including summarizing, querying, anticipating, and clarifying while also modeling fluent reading and explaining new languages. This method makes it easier for students to comprehend a passage's deeper meanings as well as its literal meanings by breaking down difficult passages into simpler concepts. Students are more at ease expressing their challenges and asking questions, which encourages confidence and active engagement, since peer interactions are often less intimidating than teacher-led instruction. Additionally, peer tutoring offers quick feedback, enabling students to improve their comprehension, allowing learners to correct mistakes quickly.

Peer tutoring encourages active, student-centered learning, which has various benefits for teaching comprehension skills. Both parties gain: tutees receive individualized instruction that improves their reading comprehension, while tutors boost their own understanding by clarifying concepts. Because students feel more accountable for one another's development, it also boosts motivation and engagement. All things considered, peer tutoring helps students develop their comprehension abilities as well as their self-assurance, teamwork, and independent study practices.

Teachers should implement ways to improve their students' comprehension skills because not all students understand texts deeply; they need to be guided, and it requires practice and purposeful instruction. Peer tutoring is one of the most successful methods for improving comprehension skills among the many others. Thus, employing strategies—particularly peer tutoring—is not just beneficial but necessary in ensuring that students become competent readers, independent learners, and critical thinkers who are prepared to succeed both in school and in real life.

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