

READING 1

COURSE OUTLINE

I. Aims

This course aims to (1) develop students' reading ability & speed; (2) bring students to better & efficient way of reading; (3) increase mastery of vocabularies; (4) give more skills in understanding texts, finding main ideas, and locating specific information from the texts.

II. Description

This course consists of 20% theories of reading & grammar focuses, and 80% reading practice.

III. Organization

Learning-teaching activities include lectures, question-answers, reading activities & comprehension, presentation & class discussion, and individual & group work. Media used are maps, pictures, transparencies, and printed materials.

IV. Course Timetable

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| Week | 1. | Introduction to the Course (100 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- explaining the syllabus, rules & expectations, activities during the semester, assignments- making groups for presentations & choosing topics |
| | 2. | Introduction to Reading & Reading Techniques (100 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- what is reading?- introducing skimming & scanning, how to find main ideas, etc |
| | 3. | Diagnosing Reading Ability (100 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- diagnostic vocabulary test- diagnostic reading test (speed reading) |
| | 4. | Using Dictionary (100 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- how to use dictionary- making notes of difficult words |
| | 5. | Word Recognition & Comprehension (100 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- word recognition exercises- word-pair recognition- word comprehension: synonyms & opposites |
| | 6. | Sentence Completion (100 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- grammatical rules in sentence making- making sentences into order- completing sentences in paragraphs |
| | 7. | Reading Sentences for General Meaning (100 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- sentence understanding- grammar focus: recognizing parts of sentences |
| | 8. | Mid-test (100 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- mid test- questionnaire & evaluation for lecturer |
| | 9. | Reading Paragraphs for Main Idea & Paragraph Comprehension (100 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- exercises in understanding paragraphs |

- paragraph comprehension & searching for general & specific information
- 10. Reading for Full Understanding (100 minutes)
 - literal reading (group work)
 - inferential reading: making/getting inferences by *reading between lines* (class discussion)
- 11. Finding Main Ideas (100 minutes)
 - understanding reading texts
 - steps & exercises in finding main ideas
 - group work
- 12. Skimming & Scanning: Finding Specific Information (100 minutes)
 - speed reading
 - getting specific information from texts
 - due date for papers to be presented on week 13 & 14
- 13. Presentation: Group 1-3 & Discussion (100 minutes)
 - presenting group work on simplified novels (4500 words)
 - class discussion
- 14. Presentation: Group 4-5 & Discussion (100 minutes)
 - presenting group work on simplified novels (4500 words)
 - class discussion
- 15. Review (100 minutes)
 - review all materials from week 1-14
 - reading exercises
 - class discussion
 - due date for individual work
- 16. Final test (100 minutes)

V. Assessment

1. Class Participation: 15%
2. Presence : 10%
3. Tasks Completion : 15%
4. Mid-test : 25%
5. Final test : 35%

VI. References

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