

Reading in English discussion questions

Student A

Choose questions from below and ask them to your partner, then comment on what they say (e.g. which things you agree with). If there is more than one question together, let your partner finish answering before asking the follow up(s)

1. How often do you read in English? What kinds of things do you read and why?
2. Do you use a dictionary while you are reading? How do you use it? Do you do anything with the vocabulary after you look it up?
3. What are the easiest and most difficult things to read in English? What makes them difficult or easy?
4. How can reading improve your English? How does it compare to other ways, e.g. watching movies?
5. How is reading in English different from reading in other languages, e.g. your own?
6. What are the best ways of improving your reading level and reading skills?
7. Is it better to read a book you already know the story of or not? Why?
8. Are there any possible disadvantages to using a dictionary when you read a book in English?

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Student B

Choose questions from below and ask them to your partner, then comment on what they say (e.g. which things you agree with). If there is more than one question together, let your partner finish answering before asking the follow up(s)

9. How quickly or slowly do you read? Is that the same for English and other languages?
10. How does reading compare in usefulness, difficulty and enjoyment with other ways of improving your English?
11. Do you read similar kinds of texts in your own language and English? Why/ why not?
12. What are the best places to find interesting and useful things to read in English?
13. How were reading texts used in your high school English classes? How do you feel about that approach?
14. Have you ever given up on a book in English before you finished it? Why did you do that?
15. Have you ever tried graded readers? What did you think of them?
16. What do you think about reading children's books like Harry Potter in English?