UNIT 3: READING

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3.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After going through this unit you will be able to

- define the concept of reading skills
- specify different types of reading comprehension
- evaluate relevant reference skills
- specify strategies for creating environment in the classroom
- make reading an activity-oriented experience.


3.2 INTRODUCTION

Like listening and speaking, reading is a language skill. It is an ability to understand a piece of text either in writing or in print (including electronic visuals).

- You look at this electronic board in a railway station. The train timings and position of trains are displayed on a screen.
- You pick up a joke book at the book store and leaf through it, occasionally pausing at a page.
- You take out this study material, pencil in hand to mark at the points you consider important.

In all the three cases, you and reading is a piece of text. Reading undeniably involves two necessary elements, a reader and a text. A third element is often important, namely the writer. We shall not emphasize the writer in this unit because there is a separate unit exclusively on writing. However, it is important to state that there is a high degree of correlation between reading and writing. The effective reader has knowledge of the writing system. He can recognize letters in the printed form as well as the handwritten form and is familiar with the combination of letters in spelling of words.

In the above paragraph, you will notice that the word understand at the beginning is given in italics. The word is the context of reading is a key-word. Mere reading aloud without understanding does not count as reading. Elementary local schools practice reading aloud for other purposes. We shall gradually go into the details of these issues in this unit.

3.3 DEVELOPING READING SKILLS

Reading involves a variety of skills. The main ones drawn from John Mumbry’s, Communicative Syllabus Design are listed below:

- Recognizing the script of a language
- Deducing the meaning and use of unfamiliar words
- Understanding explicitly stated information
- Understanding information when not explicitly stated
- Understanding conceptual meaning
- Understanding the communicative value of (function) sentences and utterances.
- Understanding relations within sentence.
- Understanding relation between parts of a text through grammatical cohesive device.
- Interpreting text by going outside it.
- Recognizing indicators in discourse.
- Identifying the main points or important information in a piece of discourse.
- Distinguishing the main idea from supporting details.
- Extracting salient points to summarize (the text, an idea etc.)
- Selective extraction of relevant points from a text.
- Basic reference skills.
- Skimming
- Scanning to locate specifically required information
- Transcoding information to diagrammatic display.

In the given list, one can discover a hierarchy of the skills that indicate the fact that the reading process ranges from recognizing the script of a language at one end of the scale to activities like selective extraction of relevant points from a text or transcoding information. These skills provide the guidelines for organizing classroom activities.

Let us clarify the point as to how skills provide guidelines. To do so, we have to ask ourselves the question. How are reading skills developed? These skills are developed through the reader’s interaction with the text. The interaction depending upon the level, and the nature of the text can be of different kinds. As one reader along there are the points that emerge sensitive in the seminars reader’s mind.

1. Points relating to the organization of the passage, and
2. Points relating to the content of the passage.

The first point makes the reader sensitive to issues like
The second point makes the reader sensitive to issues like
- the plain fact of the text
- the implied fact if any
- deduced meaning
- exclusion (e.g. reader’s individual response to the text).

These are the parameters that will be handled in this unit in greater detail.

### 3.4 READING WITH COMPREHENSION DIFFERENT TYPES OF TEXTS

The word ‘text’ refers to a piece of spoken or written language. In the context of this unit, let us concentrate on written language which requires “reading”. A text may consist of just one word e.g. the word SILENCE written in the reading room of a library. It may be of considerable length e.g. a poem, a story, an essay or a novel. We will concern ourselves with texts larger than a sentence – texts, having a succession of separate sentences thematically related.

If reading is to be efficient, there are certain strategies that need to be followed. Most importantly, there is the issue on reading speed. Experiments have shown that slow reading effects comprehension. Slow readers easily get discouraged. They will also tend to stumble on unfamiliar words and fail to grasp the general meaning. Hence there has been an effort towards teaching faster reading. Michael West in his book *Learning to Read a Foreign Language* (Longman) found that training Indian students to improve their reading in English also substantially improved their reading in their Mother Tongue / First Language. He concluded that reading ability is a general power that can be “transferred” and shows itself in improvement of the reading of another language. Hence, there has grown the need for developing faster reading skills for better comprehension of a piece of text.
One of the most important points that we keep in mind while reading a piece of text is that there is not one type of reading but several secondary to our objective reasons for reading. Depending upon the objective of reading a piece of text, readers have to adopt their reading speed and techniques to their aim when reading. In fact there are several techniques that the efficient readers have at their disposal and which they like to apply to suit their objectives. Two of the techniques are skimming and scanning.

### 3.4.1 Skimming

Skimming is a specific reading technique necessary for quick efficient reading. Skimming differs from general rapid reading in that the reader goes through the text extremely quickly, merely dipping into it and sampling it at various points to get a gist of it, to know how it is organized or to get an idea of the tone and intention of the writer.

Let us suppose a reader is skimming through the following pieces of text:

You know that I once wrote a book called *The Discovery of India*. I was engaged in that search long before I wrote that book. It was not mere curiosity that led me to that search. I was engaged in many activities and I wanted a proper reconciliation between my activity and my thought. Thought without action is undeveloped thought. Action without thought is folly.

Of course, “We sometimes act on some impulse or uncontrollable urge. If suddenly you throw a brick at me and my hand goes up to protect myself, it is an automatic, instinctive action and not a result of deliberate thought. Our living is conditioned by a series of automatic actions from morning till night. Anything we do outside that common range of actions, however, has to be preceded by some measure of thinking. The more action and thought are allied and integrated, the more effective they become and the happier you grow. There will then be no inner conflict between a wish to do something and inability
to act or between thinking one way and acting in another. The happiest man is he whose thinking and action are co-ordinated.

Happiness, after all, is an inner state of mind. It is little dependent on outside environment. Happiness has very little to do, for instance, with whether you are rich or not rich. Some of the most miserable persons I have come across in my life are the rich people. It is true that poverty makes one miserable in a very acute way. But my point is that it is not wealth but co-ordination of one’s thought and action which removes inner conflicts. It is in that way that integration of personality is achieved.

As the reader skims through the text, the first thing that he does is to survey the text to find out what the passage is about. The reader’s eyes will pick up certain words and phrases like mile posts in a long road and in the process he mentally tries to fill in the gaps. Most probably, a reader will pick up the following details.

- I wrote ..... *Discovery of India* ..... engaged in the search long before....... many activities ........ reconciliation between activity and thoughts
- We act on impulse .... automatic instinctive action .... catching a brick ........ thrown at us....... living conditions automatic actions ...... must to proceeded by thinking.
- Integration of thoughts and action .... Happiness ........ no inner conflict .... Happiness, an inner state of mind .... nothing to do with riches .... but co-ordination of thought and action.

This sort of sampling the text helps us to get a gist of it. We know that the text is organized in the form of an article where the main aim of the writer is to emphasis on the value of coordination between thought and action. This is the technique that we follow when we record a newspaper for example. We don't spend the whole day poring through every word or sentences in a newspaper. We skim through the pages, dipping into information and thus form a general idea of what is happening where.
3.4.2 Scanning

Scanning occurs when a reader goes through a text very quickly in order to find a particular point of information. A person picks up the morning paper and passes his eyes through the pages and gives a quick glance at the headlines and passes on to the next page. He is actually scanning the pages of a newspaper. When a person wants some information about a train, he would not read the whole railway time-table, but look for a particular train time. Looking through a text for particular pieces of information is termed scanning. There is a great range of texts suitable for scanning - indexes, dictionaries, maps, advertisements, labels, various charts and so on. Here is a chart showing many exchange rates.

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Supposing you are interested in the rates of Euro dollars. You simply let your eyes wonder over the text until you find what you are looking for: This activity is scanning.

You can even scan a piece of longer text to locate a piece of information in the text. Supposing, you are scanning through the passage given at 3.4.1. Now it is possible for you to scan the same article in order to note down a piece of information. For example, you would like to know how the author describe a happy person. You scan the page for the phrase the happiest man and come up with the information. “The happiest man is he whose thinking and
action is co-ordinated. Thus, scanning is retrieving what information is useful for our purpose.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q 1: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word

(a) Slow reading __________ the comprehension of a piece of text.

(b) Skimming helps us to get a __________ of a piece of text.

(c) Skimming helps us to get an idea of the __________ of the writer.

(d) Scanning is a technique of reading that helps us to find in a piece of text a __________

(e) Scanning is a way of __________ the necessary information contained in a piece of text.

(f) Scanning a text is __________ skimming a text.

3.5 READING FOR GLOBAL AND LOCAL COMPREHENSION

In this section, we move on to two other reading skills or techniques that are termed as global comprehension and local comprehension. The term global comprehension is associated with extensive reading whereas the term local comprehension is associated with intensive reading. It would be useful to elaborate on the two concepts of reading with greater detail.

3.5.1 Global Comprehension

Global comprehension is the understanding of a longer text in its totality. We often read a longer text, a story or a novel for example, for pleasure and not necessarily for minute details. It is a fluency activity, mainly involving the reader to be able to respond to a piece of text in a general sense. For example, a reader is reading the short story titled “The Martyr’s Corner” by R.K. Narayan. He reads the story extensively for the pleasure of it. At this stage, he is not concerned with specific details but with the overall plot of the story. He follows up the daily life of Rama, the central character of
the story, noting how he rose in business till the fateful firing incident when he found his fortunes taking such a turn that ultimately he had to close down his business as a career and start life all over again as a waiter in a restaurant (the story is annexes to this unit).

At the end of the reading, you may like to respond to the text in its global context. For example, you may like to know why the author had given the title “Martyr’s Corner” to this story. You may like to react to the relevance of the title of the story. In order to find an answer to this question, you do not try to locate information from the text. On the contrary, you try to look at the, whole story globally. You will mentally go through the circumstances that had prompted Rama to shift his business to another location as a result of which he lost his old customers, his sales dropped and he had to close down his business. What you had done here is to take a *global* view of the story and would now like to say something like this: The title for the story appears to the appropriate because the martyr’s monument that was set up at the place where Rama had his business played an important part in the fall of fortunes of Rama resulting in his loss of business and his starting life all over again as a waiter. This is precisely a global comprehension of the story.

Global comprehension skills can also be exemplified from poetry or any other written texts. Let us take “Ozymandias of Egypt”, a poem by P.B. Shelley.

I met a traveller from an antique land
Who said: Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert. Near them on the sand,
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown
And wrinkled lip and sneer of cold command
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read
Which yet survive, stamp'd on these lifeless things.
The hand that mock'd them and the heart that fed
And on the pedestal, these words appear
“My name is Ozymandias, king of kings,
Look on my work e mighty, and despair!

Nothing beside remains; round the decay
Of what colossal wreck, boundless and bare,
The lone and level sands stretch a way.

What exactly does the poet intends to say in this poem? When we ask this question, we are actually inviting the listener to look at the poem globally. It is a matter of local comprehension. You understand from the poem that the poem is developed around the theme that human achievements cannot survive the ravages of time. We find Ozymandias as the symbol of human achievements. Nothing of his achievements had remained.

3.5.2 Local Comprehension

Local comprehension is the skill of reading a piece of text closely or intensely for the purpose of extracting specific information from the text. This skill is referred to as intensive reading skill. As an example let us refer back to the story “The Martyr’s Corner” appended to this unit and concentrate our attention in the first four paragraphs. Earlier, you had read the story for extensive reading skills. Now, we go back to a part of the story for intensive reading skills. In this case, you do not like to miss out the details of the passage that you are reading, both at the levels of form and content.

Let us illustrate how local comprehension works. As you read the first four paragraphs, you may like to ask yourself a series of specific questions. Some of them could include:

- Why does Rama consider the compliments as ‘glib remarks’?
- At what time did Rama get up?
- At what time did he arrive at his place of business?

These are only three of a host of questions that form in your mind that aid to the comprehension of the text. You may have to go back to the passage to locate the specific information. For example, when we focus our attention on the words “glib remarks”, we connect
them with the lines: “what these folks do not see is that I sit before
the oven practically all day frying all this stuff……….”. we now know
why Rama considers the specific information from the text for an
understanding of a specific point. Such an approach to a reading
activity is referred to as intensive reading. Since, the reader is locating
information, it is also referred to as local comprehension.

Similarly, the other two questions would require us to locate the
specific information from the text. The information is there very overly
in the passage. All that you do is to locate it. As a reading activity it
can be seen as an activity of reading for accuracy involving a detailed
understanding of the text not only in terms of “what” it says but also
“how” it says it. An intensive reading activity is primarily concerned
with developing reading strategies—judgements, reasoning,
interpretation, appreciation etc. in the reader.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q 2: Say whether the following statements as a
true or false

(a) Local comprehension is reading for pleasure.

(b) Global comprehension is associated with intensive reading.

(c) Local comprehensive is a fluency activity.

(d) Local comprehension refers to locating information from a piece
of text.

(e) Global comprehension is synonymous with “reading for
accuracy.

(f) Local comprehension involves a detailed understanding of what
the text states out how it states

3.6 INFERENTIAL AND EXTRAPOLATIVE

In this section we move on to two other reading skills or techniques
that are termed as inferential comprehension and extrapolative
comprehension. The term inferential is the adjective form of the name inference. The verb infer means to draw the meaning from something. On the other hand, the term ‘extrapolative’ draws from the verb extrapolate in the present context means to use facts already known for something in the future. These two terms are used here as higher level reading skills. That is, drawing inference is a higher ability than locating information from a text.

Similarly, extrapolating information is a much higher ability than either locating information or drawing inferences because it goes to the level of applying information in another context or situation.

### 3.6.1 Inferential Comprehension

In the context of reading, inferring means making use of syntactic, logical and cultural clues to discover the meaning of unknown elements. If these are words, then word formation and derivation will also play an important part. As an example, let us take us word ‘pyol’ at paragraph 14 of the story “The Martyr’s Corner” (Enclosed in the Annexure-A). The word is not there in your dictionary either. In this situation, as an intelligent reader, you infer the meaning from the clues available for you from the context. “After dinner, he tucked a betel leaf and tobacco into his mouth and slept on the pyol of his house\(^1\). We infer from the context that.

(a) The word is a noun; it appears as the head of a noun phrase “the pyol”.

(b) Being a noun, it would refer to a thing on which one can sleep, let’s say a piece of furniture.

(c) There is only one item of ‘furniture’ in the house ‘the’ pyol.

We draw inferences that pyol could be a raised platform, something like a bed or a divan where Rama slept that night.

When dealing with a new text, you are likely to encounter a number of unfamiliar words. In such cases, it would be useful to make guesses and then to consult a dictionary to confirm the guess. Hence, from the beginning, it is vital to develop the skill of inference.
Again, sometimes you may encounter a very familiar word but placed oddly in a sentence that could puzzle you. You may go to the first paragraph of the story “The Martyr’s Corner” and locate the word “establishment” and the expression “vision sprung out of air”. These are two likely question that may appear in your mind.

(a) What does the author mean by “establishment”?
(b) Why is Rama’s shop referred to as “a vision sprung out of air”?

You cannot locate the required information from the text. You will have to draw inferences for the comprehension of the word “establishment” and the expression “a vision sprung out of air”.

From the story, you know that Rama’s business was confined to some food items that just filled a tray which he balanced on his head while coming each day for his sales. You don’t call such a small business an “establishment”. Is it ironical? You try to infer why the author uses this word. Similarly, you draw inferences why a shop is referred to as a “a vision sprung out of air” from the context. A vision is a fleeting glimpse of something. Does not Rama’s shop provide merely a fleeting glimpse when the author states ‘At eight you would not see him, and again at ten you would see nothing; but between eight and ten he arrived, sold his goods and departed”.

You draw your inferences from this context.

3.6.2 Extrapolative Comprehension

As mentioned in 3.6, to extrapolate is to use facts already known from a piece of text for another situation. This situation may be outside the text but the text will provide you with a springboard to make use of the information. For example, you once again go back to the story in the appendix where there is an account of a fight that took place at the street corner where Rama had his business when you use the information contained in the story about the fight to describe a situation elsewhere. You are extrapolating the information—applying it to look at another similar situation.
Here’s another example. In one of the school readers there is a story about a king and his minister Tirumalai. The student while reading the story, reflects upon the social life of the people in a monarchy and tries to compare it with his own social system.

Likewise, after reading a poem the “As we rush, as we rush, in the train”, the reader may be asked to write his experiences of a railway journey. He reflects upon the poetic experience and tries to reconstruct his own experience. In other words, his comprehension here can be extrapolative.

3.7 USING READING AS A TOOL FOR REFERENCE SKILLS

The term ‘reference skills’ has been seen as an ability of a skilled reader to refer to related textual materials. These skills are brought into play through observational reading—leading the reader to look up reference materials for which skimming in required. These includes—

- dictionaries, catalogues, directories, encyclopedias and other reference materials.
- index or chapter—heading to find out what he wants and then skim through the pages at great speed.
- newspapers, notices and advertisements
- atlases and city maps
- railway time—lables
- forms and regulations
- handouts on different topics etc.

Bright and McGregor in their book Teaching English as a Second Language refer to atlases and maps as a tool for reference skills. They qualify this approach by stating that they are not teaching geography but only the efficient use of a book. It seems that such approaches towards teaching reading beyond the curriculum can make classroom interaction fairly interesting. Language is best acquired through different meaning making contexts.
But what we would like to add here is that in the English classroom a good book of grammar and usage and a standard English–English dictionary could be the most rewarding reading tool for reference skills. There is also the persistent teacher concern that grammar is necessary for accuracy in the language.

The need for developing reference skills lies in the fact that they contribute towards an input rich communicational environment which is undoubtedly a prerequisite for language learning. It remains for the teacher to develop activities to make use of these tools in the classroom for the purpose of the development of specific reading skills.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q 3: Select the appropriate word/ expression from the choices to complete each statement

(a) Inferential comprehension is a reading technique that involves
   A. locating information
   B. grasping the general idea of the entire text
   C. using logical clues for comprehension

(b) Extrapolative comprehension is a reading technique that involves the reader to
   A. make guesses concerning the meaning of an item
   B. use textual information in another context
   C. form a general idea of the text studied

(c) References skills are related to
   A. skimming   B. scanning   C. intensive reading

(d) Input-rich environment is one where students have access to
   A. a host of reference materials
   B. the textbook as the sole material
   C. the question banks

(e) The most rewarding tool for developing reference skills is
   A. the dictionary   B. atlases   C. newspapers
3.8 CREATING ENVIRONMENTS FOR READING

Building the reading objectives listed at 3.3 of this unit into a general language learning programme calls for creating environment for reading. How do we create environments for reading?

One of the ways by which we create environment for reading would to establish positive attitudes in the learners to reading. This can happen through interesting reading activities in the class. To achieve this aims the need for setting up reading clubs and class libraries can be explored. These reading clubs and class libraries can select texts—story books and short novels—that appeal to the young readers and one within their knowledge of language. Teachers may merely supervise the work, leaving the students to run the clubs and libraries. Such an approach can create in the learners a positive attitude to reading.

The skills of reading aloud and silent reading need to be highlighted at this point. Reading aloud is an activity for the lower classes. This habit reduces reading speed because one can only read aloud at a much slower speed; it is also known to affect comprehension. Insistence on reading without whispering or even lip movement shall come very early so as to train learners for mature reading. Reading aloud does not serve a purpose but that it merely supports speaking and to learning how to pronounce words, phrases or sentences correctly. In order to develop this skill of silent reading, the learners must be given access to good books.

As the learner develops an intellectual maturity, the range of books provided to them earlier, may be widened to include books on a variety of items. Pupils enjoy travel literature, adventure, sports and recreation. Using texts of different types for the reading clubs and class-libraries develops a variety of reading styles. This exposure to variety encourages reading for different programmes and thereby the reader modifies his/her strategies and techniques of reading. Hence, it becomes necessary to familiarize learners with the features of different types of best. The best way for creating environments for reading is to develop reading clubs and class libraries. Such an effort would in turn develop in learners a sound reading habit.
### CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

**Q 4:** Say whether the following statements are true or false

(a) Reading clubs and class libraries help to develop positive attitudes in the learner towards reading.  \[ T \quad F \]

(b) Reading aloud helps to develop faster reading. \[ T \quad F \]

(c) Mature reading is silent reading with comprehension. \[ T \quad F \]

(d) Reading aloud shall be encouraged at all stages of learning.  \[ T \quad F \]

(e) Silent reading helps to develop pronunciation. \[ T \quad F \]

(f) Using a variety of texts can develop a variety of reading styles. \[ T \quad F \]

### 3.9 SCAFFOLDING CONCEPTS AND ACTIVITIES

The term ‘scaffolding’ drawn from the field of masonry refers to structures of poles and boards that are joined together when workers need to work high up on the outside of a building. In the above description of scaffolding two key expressions are “poles and boards are joined together”. Scaffolding thus become synonymous with joining. We have come across concepts like skimming and scanning. Now can we think of joining these concepts with some activities? We will present two samples here, one for the elementary level reader and the other for the advance level reader.

**Sample1 (for elementary level learners)**

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<th>Showing understanding of a text by miming it. Scanning a text for realizing the information of the text through mime.</th>
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<td><strong>Procedure</strong></td>
<td>Write on the blackboard the list of sentences on the rack. Invite learners to take it in turns to mime any sentence on the list. Encourage learners watching the mime to scan the sentences to find out which of the sentences is being mimed.</td>
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Examples of simple actions

- A boy is walking
- A girl is dancing
- The boy is playing football
- The boy finds pieces of string lying on the ....... and pockets it.

Examples of more complete sections

- A boy is gazing hand at an object at a distance on a sunny day
- A girl was reading a book when she heard her mobile phone and she looked for it in her bag

Sample 2 (for upper level learners)

**Objective**: Showing understanding of a paragraph by silent reading using the techniques of skimming and scanning.

**Procedure**

- Select a story or an article or a poem and cut up this text into paragraphs
- Distribute the paragraphs randomly to a group of learners giving one paragraph to each.
- Learners silently read the paragraphs and collectively attempt to rearrange the text to its original form.

3.10 LET US SUM UP

In this unit we discussed the concept of reading as one of the four language skills. The focus was on identifying strategies for the development of the skill in the pupils. We took a close look at the sub-skills involved in reading and moved on to these major points:

We discussed the strategies for reading different types of text illustrating concepts like skimming and scanning, and reading for global and local comprehension.
We discussed strategies for inferential and explorative reading skills.

Our main objective of this unit was to build up the reading objectives or reading sub-skills into a general language learning programmes. It was expected that these concepts would provide the teacher to organize classroom activities into a meaningful programme in which pupils would develop the skill of reading comprehension.

3.11 FURTHER READING


3.12 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

**Ans to the Q. No 1:**
(a) affects (b) gist (c) tone and intention
(d) particular point of information
(e) retrieving (f) different form

**Ans to the Q. No 2:**
(a) False (b) False (c) False (d) True (e) False (f) True

**Ans to the Q. No 3:**
(a) C (b) B (c) A (d) A (e) A

**Ans to the Q. No 4:**
(a) True (b) False (c) True (d) False (e) False
3.13 MODEL QUESTIONS

Q 1: Make a list of objectives of teaching reading at the lower primary stage.
Q 2: Make a list of the objectives for teaching reading at the upper primary stage.
Q 3: Discuss the importance of reading aloud.
Q 4: Discuss the relative importance of reading aloud and silent reading.
Q 5: What is meant by intensive reading? How is it different from extensive reading?
Q 6: Suggest some ways by which you motivate the learner to develop reading habits.

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