



PROVEN METHODS TO IMPROVE READING IN IELTS

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***Annotation:** The present article defines the main mistakes most learners make in a reading section and provides tips to improve it.*

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There are a lot of people who have some problems with reading section of IELTS. There are several factors that leads to a low result. One of the them is lack of vocabulary when learners fail to understand the whole text. Consequently, if you have a rich lexicon it is not problematic for you to comprehend the given topic which assists you to get the overall meaning and answer questions correctly. Write down all new words you come across while reading and try to use them in your day-to-day speech or writing. This will not only enrich your lexis but also provide you with an opportunity to comprehend the text with ease.

The subsequent point is developing skimming and scanning methods which is mostly confused by lots of people. Let's nail down definitions of these two term: skimming is about reading the text quickly simply to get the general idea while



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scanning is searching for specific information. Try these techniques, if you find it effective for you then constantly practice it to lift your reading results.

Summarizing the text after reading helps you to better understand the whole meaning of the passage. If you simply read without getting the main idea you will only concentrate on words not the whole passage which one of the enormous mistakes of most IELTS takers.

Another tip that makes you a step closer to get a high score in reading is getting familiar with the format of the reading test and its question types: multiple choice questions, true/false/not given, headings, etc.

One the most effective techniques for boosting reading skills is to exposing yourself to a variety of topics changing the genre of your reading material such as fiction, non-fiction, scientific articles. By doing this, you may train yourself in different spheres gaining new ideas, learning new words and writing styles at the same time which will aid you tackle various topics in the IELTS reading section.

Last but not least, using context clues can bring another advantage to get the overall meaning of a sentence or a paragraph when you do not know the exact meaning of some words. Look at words that come with an unknown word and try to guess the meaning. At least, it will help you comprehend the primary idea than having no idea what the author intended to write about. Train yourself in advance to figure out the meaning of the word you have not seen before or are not familiar with by the context.

If you do not see improvements even after using these techniques try to get feedback from someone who is an expert at IELTS or at the minimum from your friends who know English. This makes you known of the mistakes you are constantly missing. Common reason of low score from reading might be because of inability to find your mistakes on your own and make corrections. However, it can be quite effective for your further improvement in reading section of IELTS if you have a



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person who can guide you and correct your mistakes in places where you find it hard to find out on your own.

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