The Reading Module

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Session B  How we read
   When you finish this session, you will be able to:
   • understand what we bring to reading
   • understand top-down and bottom-up processing

Session C  Six essential reading strategies
   When you finish this session, you will be able to:
   • understand six essential reading strategies:
     ♦ identifying the topic
     ♦ predicting and guessing
     ♦ reading for specific information
     ♦ reading for details
     ♦ interpreting or making inferences

Session D  Problems and solutions
   When you finish this session, you will be able to:
   • understand problems and solutions in the areas of:
     ♦ language
     ♦ topic and genre
     ♦ comprehension tasks

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LESSON 2  Preparing a Reading Lesson

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Session B  Before reading
   When you finish this session you will be able to:
   • understand ways to get students interested in a topic before they read
   • recognize ways to pre-teach vocabulary
Session C  While reading
When you finish this session you will be able to:
• use different techniques for teaching active reading

Session D  After reading
When you finish this session you will be able to:
• check students’ general and detailed understanding
• help students to infer, interpret, and discuss the text
• expand a reading lesson to include other skills

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LESSON 3  Selecting and Using Reading Materials

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Session B  Evaluating reading materials
When you finish this session you will be able to:
• understand what makes reading materials suitable
• choose appropriate materials for your students

Session C  Selecting and using published materials
When you finish this session you will be able to:
• evaluate reading texts from published textbooks
• adapt these materials for your students
• adapt activities for other skills for reading practice

Session D  Selecting and using authentic materials
When you finish this session you will be able to:
• recognize the pros and cons of authentic materials
• understand how to use authentic materials
• find appropriate authentic materials for your classes

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Session B  Purposes for reading
When you finish this session, you will be able to:
• recognize different purposes for reading
• link these purposes to text types
• link these purposes to different strategies
• understand the importance of developing discourse awareness

Session C  Designing effective reading tasks
When you finish this session, you will be able to:
• understand the importance of reading tasks
• identify two types of tasks
• adjust tasks according to the difficulty of the text
• understand when to use tasks in a lesson

Session D  Extensive reading
When you finish this session, you will be able to:
• understand the benefits of extensive reading
• develop extensive reading projects
• identify follow-up activities for extensive reading

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Session B  Proficiency testing
When you finish this session, you will be able to:
• understand the purpose of proficiency tests
• recognize common item types in the reading proficiency tests
• prepare students for proficiency tests

Session C  Achievement tests
When you finish this session, you will be able to:
• understand the purpose of achievement tests
• identify the characteristics of a good test
• develop testing items for reading tests
• identify important elements of marking tests

Session D  Alternative assessment
When you finish this session, you will be able to:
• identify the benefits of alternative assessment
• understand ongoing assessment
• recognize different types of alternative assessment for reading
• develop reading portfolio projects

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TEST  End of Module Test