

Self-study material
to improve your

READING

News:

Simplified A1-A2

<https://www.newsinlevels.com/level/level-1/>

Simplified A2-B1

www.breakingnewsenglish.com/multi-speedlistening.html:

This site offers written and spoken news articles at a variety of levels with gap-fill exercises and comprehension questions.

<https://learningenglish.voanews.com/> A wide range of articles from a distinctly American perspective.

<http://www.thetimesinplainenglish.com/>

B1+

Authentic (but abridged) news stories from CBS News. Written at the intermediate level with vocabulary and comprehension questions. <http://literacynet.org/cnnsf/archives.html>

B2+

Short authentic news articles at the upperintermediate level: <https://www.nytimes.com/spotlight/learningarticle-of-the-day>

The Times, *The Guardian* and *The Sun* are considered the "easiest to read" newspapers in the UK

Business News:

B2+ Both of these sites have interesting articles (and business-related videos).

<https://www.entrepreneur.com/>

<https://www.forbes.com/#196df8582254>

C1:

Financial Times <https://www.ft.com/>

The Economist <https://www.economist.com/>

The Atlantic <https://www.theatlantic.com/world/>

Test Prep:

IELTS Practice Reading Tests:

https://www.examenglish.com/IELTS/IELTS_Academic_reading.html

<http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/prepare-test/freepractice-tests>

<http://www.ieltsbuddy.com/ielts-reading.html>

TOEFL Practice Reading Tests:

https://www.examenglish.com/TOEFL/toefl_listening.html

https://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/prepare/quick_prep/

Graded English Readers:

Famous stories re-written for English learners at a variety of levels. Read some English classics for fun!

Penguin Graded Readers:

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books>

Oxford Graded Readers:

https://elt.oup.com/cat/subjects/graded_reading/?cc=us&ellanguage=en&mode=hub

Other:

Kindle:

Kindle offers a range of help for English learners. For example, you can just tap on a word and the definition pops up on the screen. You can load an English-German dictionary, to get definitions in German. Kindle also offers a "word-wise" option which automatically displays definitions of difficult words on the screen.

<https://www.amazon.com/gp/feature.html?ie=UTF8&doclid=1002989731>

Other e-readers may offer similar programs.

Speed Reading:

Fully free online program

<http://spritzinc.com/get-spritz>

Spreader offers a free app, but the rest of its program have a fee. <https://www.spreader.com/>

Movie Scripts:

Love movies? Read your favorite movie script, before or during the movie: <http://www.script-orama.com/table.shtml>

Song Lyrics:

Find out what that song on the radio is *really* saying: <http://www.songlyrics.com/>

