



Reading & Writing

the perfect combination

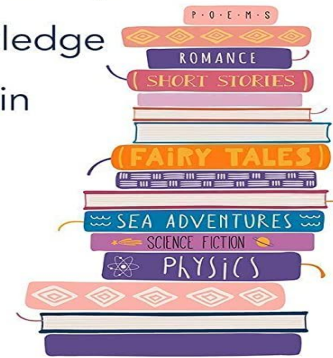
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What are the benefits of reading?

TEN AMAZING BENEFITS OF READING BOOKS



- ★ Strengthens your writing skills
- 📖 Improves your memory and focus
- 📖 Enhances your imagination
- 📖 Increases your vocabulary
- 📖 Expands your knowledge
- 📖 Stimulates your brain
- 📖 Boosts your mood
- 📖 Deepens empathy
- 📖 Helps you relax
- 📖 Lowers stress





Tips for reading effectively

1. Start basic and short.
2. Choose material you've already read in your language.
3. Read books with their accompanying audiobooks.
4. Choose what you will read according to your level.
 - a. beginner: social media posts, short & easy articles, graded readers.
 - b. intermediate: read books you've already read and short news articles.
 - c. advanced: read books, articles, or other native texts that interest you.



How reading improves your writing

1. By reading more, you are exposed to **different writing styles** and **new ideas**.
2. By reading more, you learn different writing styles, **new words**, and **how to structure your writing more effectively**. This happens just by taking in words written by other writers.
3. Reading the work of other writers can help to **inspire** your own writing.
4. By reading and looking up the definitions of unfamiliar words or learning their meanings through context clues, you are building your **vocabulary** of words **and phrases (collocations)**.
5. The more you read, the more familiar you become with **the normal rules of grammar**. (This helps you unconsciously integrate these rules into your own writing!)
6. You can easily pick up **sentence patterns** by paying attention to what you are reading.



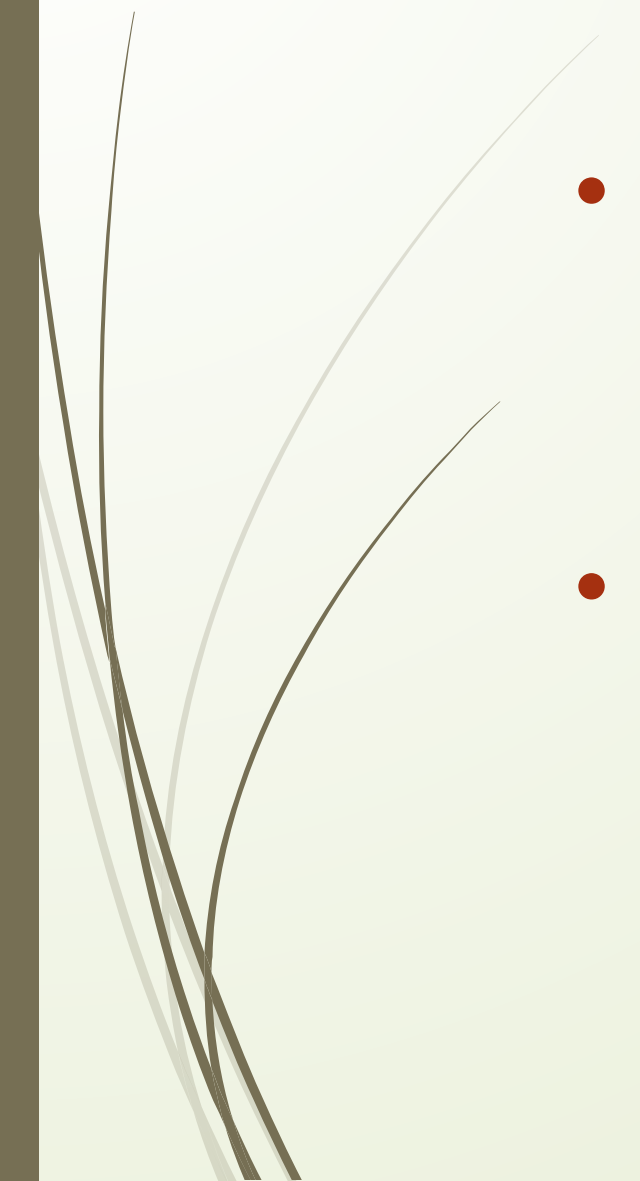
MARCH 2 | a private romantic
Tryst (n) rendezvous between two lovers.
(v) to keep a private rendezvous

TRYSTIAN Philos
Falls in love too much.
He meets a new girl,
Arranges a secret meeting,
woos her, but then he finds the mystery
& excitement just gone. So he starts the
cycle again. Love is more than a rendezvous, TRYSTIAN

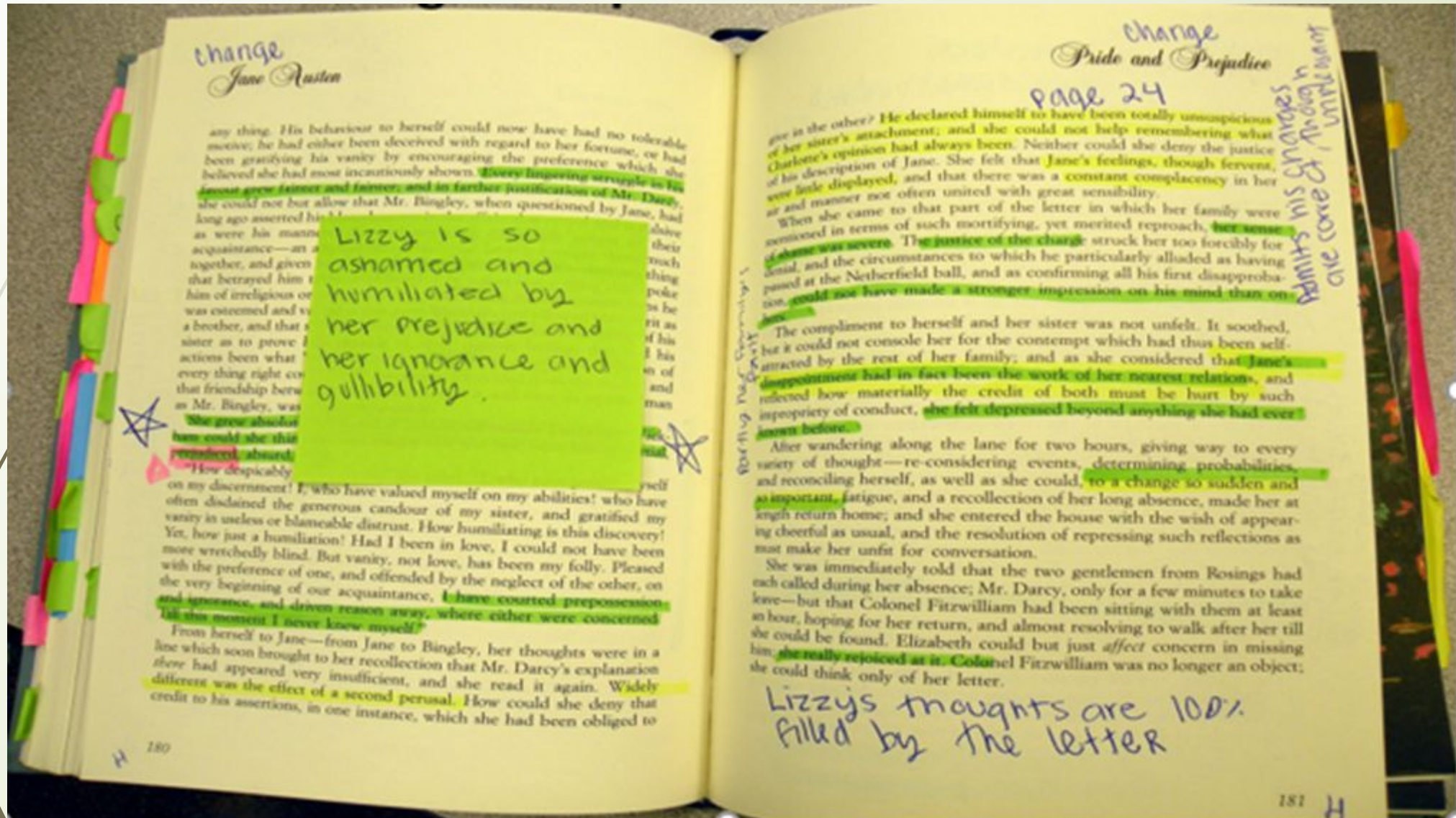
SENTENCES: #1) If you go to a tryst,
you're gonna get kissed.
#2) Romeo + Juliet's tryst at the
friar's led to their marriage.
#3) He missed their tryst, and she was
pissed and hissed at him.
#4) Thanks to the dating app and
Google Maps, the lovers kept their tryst.
#5) On Thursday, I picked up my script
at met the actress playing my soulmate, Tryst?
#6) Is it a Freudian slip that I chose
both 'assignation' and 'tryst' as vocabulary
words just two weeks apart? No!
#7) It was a tryst with twist. Their
secret meeting for woo + lust was
on private property, which was guarded
by the military.



In a nutshell...

- Reading more can help improve your writing by improving
 - your vocabulary,
 - grammar,
 - and sentence pattern awareness.
 - The act of reading can also help you incorporate new writing styles into your work and give you fresh perspectives that you can use in your own writing.
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What kind of reading is this?



Active reading and some tips



- What is passive reading vs active reading ?
- The difference between passive reading and active reading is like the difference between watching a nature documentary and hiking through the wilderness.
- How to read actively
 - Underline and/or highlight **IMPORTANT** things (not everything!)
 - Note keywords that you can use when writing
 - Ask questions about the text
 - Notice sentence patterns that you can use when writing
- The reading skills we use as “exam strategies” are not the same skills we use to read actively.
- **All types of reading (active, passive, exam) are useful for different purposes!**


Let's read a short text that you have read before.

This time, we will read actively to notice words/phrases/sentence patterns and to inform ourselves about the topic and give ourselves something to think about. (bigger on next slide.)

IN FOCUS | CHARISMA

Charisma:

A KIND OF MAGIC?



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I will write down keywords that I can use to write about this topic:

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I noticed some sentence patterns that I can reuse for any topic:

1. *They point out that [Subject - Verb - Noun Clause object].*
2. *They act in a way that [verb - object]*

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Now, let's try some writing using what we read. We can use what we read to write on a variety of topics.

For example:

- Is charisma the same as fame? Explain the similarities or differences.
- Why/how do some people use their charisma for bad purposes?
- Describe someone you know who has charisma and explain how this affects his/her life.