

How often do you do the following things to improve your reading skills?

5 = always 4 = usually 3 = sometimes 2 = rarely 1 = never

When preparing to read ...	
1. Do you notice differences in genres (magazine articles, novels, text books) to understand the text?	5 4 3 2 1
2. Do you choose texts appropriate to your level ?	5 4 3 2 1
3. Before you read, do you think about the topic of the text?	5 4 3 2 1
4. Do you use titles, pictures, and text structure to understand what the text is about?	5 4 3 2 1

When reading ...	
5. Do you pay attention to how much time it will take you to read the text (set a time limit)?	5 4 3 2 1
6. Do you use your knowledge of the topic to understand unclear parts of the text?	5 4 3 2 1
7. Do you try to get a general idea of the whole text by reading important parts (introductions, topic sentences, conclusions)?	5 4 3 2 1
8. Do you skip unfamiliar words and phrases and continue reading to get the general idea?	5 4 3 2 1

When reflecting ...	
9. Do you check the words you skipped?	5 4 3 2 1
10. Do you ask yourself questions to check your understanding?	5 4 3 2 1
11. Do you take notes or write summaries of what you read?	5 4 3 2 1

Look at your answers. Are you already using effective strategies? What can you improve? If you need help with any learning strategies, come ask in the ILC.