

How to do your reading homework

We know that one of the best ways to get better in English is by reading a wide range of high quality literature. That's why we have chosen set material for you to be reading at home each term. We feel it is very important for you to be reading outside of school for at least 30 minutes per day. We strongly feel that by doing this you will be able to improve all aspects of your English work and even get better in other subjects where you are expected to read and write an array of material.

But, before you start see the guide below on how to complete your reading homework in order to ensure that you get the most benefit from it.

Before you read:

1. Find a quiet place, away from distraction, to do your reading. You will not be able to fully focus if there is background noise. For example from music playing, the TV, or people talking.
2. Look at the time and/or set a timer. Remember, you must read for a minimum of 30 minutes each day.

While you read:

3. Take your time and read each word carefully. If you come across words that you don't know the meaning of then ask someone for help and/or look them up in a dictionary.
4. If you don't understand a sentence or paragraph then try re-reading it – a few times if you need to – until you can make sense of it. Do the same if you get distracted and think you haven't taken in the meaning of: a sentence, a paragraph or a page.

After you've read:

5. Write down in your English Homework Book the pages that you've read and your one paragraph summary of those pages. Remember to keep your writing neat and write in full sentences using accurate spelling and punctuation. Also, remember to use a ruler to rule off below your summary.

Other good things that you could do:

6. Complete one of the activities in the back of your Reading Homework Book.