

Academic Reading B

Syllabus

Instructor: Brent Culligan, Ed.D.

Course Description: This course focuses on the acquisition and development of reading in English as a foreign language. These skills will be developed through the practice of three different types of reading methods, namely Extensive Reading, Speed Reading, and Academic Reading Skills.

Class Goals: By the end of this course, students will be able to utilize a range of reading skills in order to achieve the following:

1. Find specific information in a text easily
2. Read more quickly
3. Read short books (e.g. graded readers)
4. Discuss and write about books they have read
5. Understand texts written in natural English.

Participation & Attendance: Regular on-time attendance, preparation of weekly homework, and active participation in class are all required to get a good grade. If you miss more than five classes, you will automatically fail this course

Preparation for Class: You will have homework each week. You must come to class prepared. If you miss a class, get the homework from a classmate.

Text: http://culliganco.com/Meijigakuin/Reading/EFL_Reading2.pdf

Evaluation Criteria: Your grade depends on class tests (50%), graded readers (20%), homework/participation (20%), and an oral presentation (10%).

Student Questions: When students have questions, they can contact me before or after class. I can also be reached at b.culligan.ed.d@gmail.com

Related URL: <http://culliganco.com/Meijigakuin/Reading/index.html>

Review of Class: To review for this class, you should read the passages again, check any mistakes you have made, and use vocabulary learning techniques to study the vocabulary.

Daily Class Schedule

Week	Date	Assignments
1	Sep 23	Unit 12: Guessing Word Meaning: Five Steps Introduction: Course goals and objectives. Scan the schedule for test days and homework. <u>Homework</u> Booklet: Scan Table of Contents for page number. Booklet: Read graded reader, and fill in Extensive Reading Record and Book Report.
2	Sep 30	Unit 13: Guessing Word Meaning: Your knowledge of the world & Examples Extensive reading: Book Presentation/Report <u>Homework</u> Booklet: Scan Table of Contents for page number. Read graded reader, and fill in Extensive Reading Record and Book Report.
3	Oct 7	Unit 14: Guessing Word Meaning: Punctuation & Definitions Extensive reading: Book Presentation/Report <u>Homework</u> Booklet: Scan Table of Contents for page number. Read graded reader, and fill in Extensive Reading Record and Book Report.
4	Oct 14	Unit 15: Guessing Word Meaning: Referents; Comparison & contrast Extensive reading: Book Presentation/Report <u>Homework</u> Booklet: Scan Table of Contents for page number. Read graded reader, and fill in Extensive Reading Record and Book Report.
5	Oct 21	Unit 16: Identifying Writer's Purpose: Skimming Extensive reading: Book Presentation/Report <u>Homework</u> Booklet: Scan Table of Contents for page number. Vocabulary Set 1 Read graded reader, and fill in Extensive Reading Record and Book Report.
6	Oct 28	Unit 17: Skimming & Scanning Extensive reading: Book Presentation/Report <u>Homework</u> Booklet: Scan Table of Contents for page number. Vocabulary Set 2 Read graded reader, and fill in Extensive Reading Record and Book Report.

Week	Date	Assignments
7	Nov 11	<p>Unit 18: Skimming for Topic and Main Idea Extensive reading: Book Presentation/Report <u>Homework</u> Booklet: Scan Table of Contents for page number. Vocabulary Set 3 Read graded reader, and fill in Extensive Reading Record and Book Report.</p>
8	Nov 18	<p>Unit 19: Patterns of Organization Review Extensive reading: Book Presentation/Report Preparing Book Passage Presentations <u>Homework</u> Vocabulary Set 4 Study for Test 1</p>
9	Nov 25	<p>Reading Test 1 - Including Speed Reading, Paragraph Patterns and Reading Comprehension This test will include all of the reading skills you have been practicing since your first class in April <u>Homework</u> Booklet: Scan Table of Contents for page number. Read graded reader, and fill in Extensive Reading Record and Book Report.</p>
10	Dec 2	<p>Unit 20: Finding the main idea, important facts, and supporting details Extensive reading: Book Presentation/Report <u>Homework</u> Vocabulary Set 5 Prepare a two to three minute book passage presentation on a book you read this semester Read graded reader, and fill in Extensive Reading Record and Book Report.</p>
11	Dec 9	<p>Unit 21: Making Inferences 1 Extensive reading: Book Presentation/Report <u>Homework</u> Booklet: Scan Table of Contents for page number. Vocabulary Set 6 Read graded reader, and fill in Extensive Reading Record and Book Report.</p>
12	Dec 16	<p>Book Passage Presentations Present a two to three minute book passage from a book you read this semester <u>Homework</u> Booklet: Scan Table of Contents for page number. Vocabulary Set 7 Read graded reader, and fill in Extensive Reading Record and Book Report.</p>

Week	Date	Assignments
13	Dec 23	Unit 22: Making Inferences 2 Extensive reading: Book Presentation/Report Homework Vocabulary Set 8 Prepare for Test 2
14	Jan 6	Reading Test 2 - Including Speed Reading, Building Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension This test will include all of the reading skills you have been practicing since your first class in April.