



Reading Strategy

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Introduction

Welcome to Take 1 Learning Centre, where we believe that every student deserves the opportunity to thrive academically and personally, regardless of their past educational experiences. At Take 1, we recognize the transformative power of reading, not only as a fundamental skill but also as a gateway to endless possibilities and opportunities for growth.

Our reading strategy is designed to be more than just a set of activities; it's a holistic approach to fostering a culture of literacy that permeates every aspect of our students' learning journey. With a diverse community of learners aged 14-16, many of whom have faced challenges in accessing mainstream education, our reading strategy is tailored to meet their unique needs and inspire a love for reading that transcends barriers.

At the heart of our strategy lies the belief that reading is not confined to the English classroom but rather integrated seamlessly across all subjects. Whether it's dissecting scientific articles, analysing historical documents, or solving math problems with real-world applications, reading is the common thread that ties together our curriculum. By embedding reading into every subject, we empower our students to see themselves as capable readers and critical thinkers in all aspects of their academic journey.

But our commitment to reading goes beyond academic achievement; we strive to cultivate a joy for reading that extends into our students' personal lives. Through dedicated reading times, cozy reading corners, and engaging book clubs, we create opportunities for students to explore their interests, expand their horizons, and discover the pleasure of getting lost in a good book.

Central to our reading strategy is the emphasis on comprehension, evaluation, and reflection. We equip our students with the tools and skills to not only understand what they read but also to question, analyse, and form their own opinions. With tasks designed to stimulate deep thinking and meaningful discussions, we empower our students to become active participants in their own learning journey.

To support our students' progress and growth in reading, we harness the power of technology through platforms like Read Theory. With personalized tracking and monitoring, we can tailor our support to meet the individual needs of each student, celebrating their achievements and guiding them towards further success.

At Take 1 Learning Centre, reading is more than just a skill; it's a journey of exploration, discovery, and empowerment. Through our comprehensive reading strategy, we are committed to nurturing confident, capable readers who are ready to take on the world, one page at a time. Welcome to a place where reading opens doors and transforms lives. Welcome to Take 1 Learning Centre.

Reading Strategy for Alternative Provision - Take 1:

1. Embedding Reading Across All Subjects:

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- Every subject will incorporate reading activities into their curriculum. For instance, in science, students will read articles about current scientific discoveries or historical scientific breakthroughs. In history, they will read primary and secondary sources. Math problems may involve reading comprehension. This approach ensures that reading becomes an integral part of their learning experience.

2. Encouraging Reading for Pleasure:

- Establish dedicated reading times where students can choose books of their interest.
- Create a cozy reading corner in the classroom.
- Organize book clubs or reading groups where students can discuss their favourite books.
- Celebrate reading achievements with rewards and recognition.

3. Evaluating Reading Material:

- Provide students with tools and guidelines to evaluate the credibility and reliability of the texts they read.
- Encourage critical thinking by prompting them to analyse the author's purpose, bias, and perspective.
- Engage students in discussions where they can express their opinions and interpretations of the text.

4. Tasks for Reading Comprehension:

- Utilize various reading comprehension strategies such as predicting, questioning, summarizing, and visualizing.
- Assign tasks that require students to demonstrate their understanding through written responses, presentations, or creative projects.
- Scaffold tasks to accommodate different reading levels and abilities.

5. Utilising Read Theory for Tracking Progress:

- Implement Read Theory as a tool for tracking and monitoring individual progress in reading comprehension.
- Set goals and benchmarks for students to achieve, and regularly review their performance.
- Provide personalized feedback and support based on their Read Theory progress.

6. Incorporating Different Genres and Texts:

- Introduce students to a wide range of genres including poetry, fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels, and short stories.
- Rotate reading materials regularly to expose students to diverse perspectives and writing styles.
- Encourage exploration of genres outside of their comfort zone to broaden their reading experience.

7. Debating and Comparing Reading Material:

- Facilitate structured debates where students can discuss and defend their interpretations of the texts.
- Encourage comparison of different texts, genres, or authors to identify similarities, differences, and themes.
- Provide guidance on respectful discourse and active listening during debates.

By implementing this comprehensive reading strategy, we aim to foster a culture of literacy where students not only improve their reading skills but also develop a lifelong love for reading and learning.