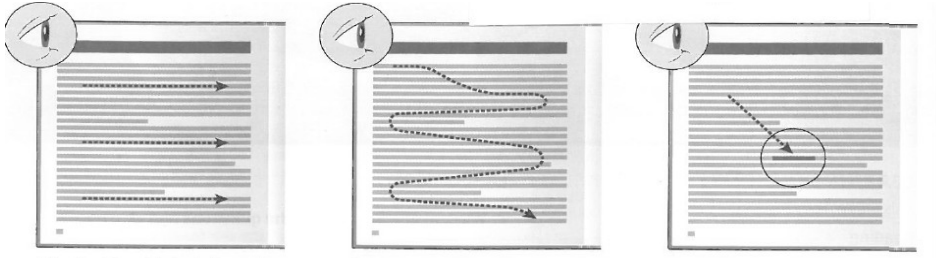


ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS

Reading

Kinds of reading strategies:



Which of them do you use to read newspapers?

Useful websites

<http://www.uefap.com/reading/readfram.htm> advice, exercises

<http://scholar.google.cz/> search engine for specialist literature

Speaking

- Logical and precise
- Certain degree of formality
- Structured speaking – in presentations

Useful websites

<http://www.uefap.com/speaking/spkfram.htm> advice, exercises

<http://www.eslfast.com/robot/> short everyday conversations

http://www.eslgold.com/speaking/speaking_situations.html phrases for different situations

Listening

- Understanding the main idea (ignore the words and phrases you do not understand and form your idea of the content)
- Understanding specific information (e.g. numbers or special terms, you are not interested in the overall idea)

Useful websites

<http://elllo.org/> listening exercises

<http://www.esl-lab.com/> listening exercises

<http://academicearth.org/> university lectures and courses

<http://www.ted.com/> presentations on different topics

Writing

- Formal style, correct grammar
- Well-organized, structured

Useful websites:

<http://www.uefap.com/writing/writfram.htm> advice, exercises

<http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/> frequently used phrases

Grammar

What you need to know:

- Tenses : simple and continuous forms of present, past and present perfect tense
- + questions in these forms
- + passives
- Expressing future
- Modals
- Pronouns
- Adjectives (comparisons, superlatives)
- Adverbs
- -ing form, infinitive form
- Countability / uncountability, expressing quantity
- Conjunctions, prepositions
- If-clauses, relative clauses, expressing purpose

Useful websites

<http://www.ego4u.com/>

<http://www.e-gramatica.com/>

<http://www.englishpage.com/grammar/>

<http://esl.about.com/>

Vocabulary

- Special terms
- Academic vocabulary
- Collocations
- Avoiding phrasal verbs – these are informal

Useful websites

<http://www.uefap.com/vocab/vocfram.htm> theory and exercises

<http://a4esl.org/a/v3.html> or <http://a4esl.org/a/v5.html> exercises on general, academic, specialist vocabulary