



## How Reading Foreign Literature Contributes to an In-Depth Study of the Language

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**Abstract:** This article examines the reading of modern English literature for the study of a foreign language. We will carefully analyze the principles and features of reading English books using examples.

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### Introduction

Reading is very fascinating activity. Having plunged headlong into a good book, you discover yourself in another world, see it through the eyes of the characters, live their life and, maybe, make choices that you simply would never have challenged to form in conventional life.

When you learn to read English fluently and understand what you read better, your knowledge box will become richer and more varied. You will learn a lot of interesting things about the world, other people and cultures, and this in itself motivates you to study further. The best way to expand your vocabulary is to memorize the word along with the context: in other words that surround it, concepts, associations and ideas. When you see a word in context, you naturally remember how it is used by native speakers. Having a high level of English does not only mean remembering words and their meanings. You must understand how a particular word is used in sentences, what verbs, adjectives and

prepositions are combined with it. In this case, it is important to choose the right book for reading.

Firstly, you should start with short adopted stories for foreign learners. Secondly, and maybe more importantly, the altered text uses simpler sentences than the original work's creator. These sentences are simple in the sense that it is easier to discover the subject, predicate, object, etc. in them, or, in other words, it is easier to understand their meaning. After all, the meanings of phrases in English are not generated exactly as in Russian. That is why you must expand your creative-thinking and speak only in English without translating your sentences from Russian. The adapted books also good in that they allow you to analyze the structure of a sentence, it is imperative to do this, starting with a simple text, in order to move on to more complex ones later. In addition, such books often have a dictionary at the end, which makes reading it quite convenient. So, adapted English literature is the name where you need to start learning to read.

### Main part

There are three main aspects to consider when learning English and practicing reading skills:

1. vocabulary,
2. grammatical minimum
3. the ability to understand the text.

Due to these aspects, we can indicate three prerequisites, the fulfillment of which will allow you

to quickly develop the skill of reading and analyzing English literature:

***Increase the passive vocabulary of words and expressions.*** Take a notebook and write down unfamiliar words that often appear in the text. In our daily conversations, we mainly use active vocabulary, which consists of 400-600 frequently used words of the English language. The passive vocabulary is several times higher than the active one, and we understand the text that we read precisely because of the passive vocabulary. In order to increase it, it is not necessary to learn words by heart. It is enough to listen, hear, read and pay attention to these words and phrases in context. Movies in English, books, news and TV shows will also help you increase your vocabulary.

***Improving grammar accuracy.*** While reading books, you may encounter with complex grammatical constructions and phrasal verbs. The more often you read these books, the better you will understand the grammar of the language.

***The ability to understand the text.*** Most people believe that before reading a story in a foreign language, you should be fluent in it. But ask students or schoolchildren who study the language and read texts on them, they will answer you that it is enough to know the translation of half of the words in order to understand the essence of the text. Open the dictionary as rarely as possible and only for the sake of keywords that are often repeated and make it difficult to understand the whole phrase. From the earliest stages, try to retell what you read, answering the questions: "Who?", "What did he or she do?", "Where did it happen?"

Choose to read what you are interested in or what you have already read in your native language. You can start with a children's book Alice in Wonderland or Treasure Island that everyone read or listened to as a child.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, I want to list the benefits of language learning through literature.

- You immediately immerse yourself in a living, natural language. All words are found in context, in the usual combinations for a particular language.
- Words and phrases in the text are repeated - and this is the best known way to develop vocabulary. Moreover, you will naturally memorize the so-called frequent vocabulary (the most used words) faster than others, because they will be found on almost every page.
- The book helps to invent grammar yourself, that is, not to memorize the rules, but to guess about them.

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