

CHORAL READING - a.k.a. READING-IN-UNISON

The Easy/Best Way To Help Ages 6-66 To Teach Themselves To Read Well  
So Please Forward To Those Concerned

To: Tutor - Parent, sibling, friend, co-worker, educator - young/old  
Tutee - Anyone who wants to become a better reader

Using: INTERESTING material with few pictures, chosen by the pupil or suggested by the tutor. The sports pages and human-interest stories are very good but any book, magazine or newspaper article can be used at any age because lots of big words challenge and stimulate.

How - "Good to meetcha - Let's work together - Make yourself comfortable - We'll sit side-by-side."

"I hope you want to teach yourself to read better so that you can get more fun out of life, do better in school, and possibly make more money."

"Now let's read together a few times a week for 15 - 30 minutes each time. Tell me when you need a break. You decide how often."

"The most important thing of all is that I will NEVER put you on-the-spot to read out loud, all alone, because we know that's scary and inhibiting. So say the words with me, or right after me, or beat me to the word, and I'll be whispering in your ear, and maybe fade out a little bit if I am sure you know the word but you'll NEVER be alone."

"I'll usually run a pointer above the word as we read them together."

"Try to skate quickly across the page. Don't worry if we miss a word once in a while, and I won't know every word, but that's OK because we all miss words from time to time. Only medical and legal documents have to be worked on and that's what friends are for."

"Comprehension comes naturally when you have good word-attack skills but you'll remember very little of what you read. Most of us forget right away. But in school you have to memorize in order to pass tests."

"Sometimes we'll have four kids reading in unison with a leader. Fade in and out as comfort dictates."

"Skim-read interesting stuff on your own, just to get the general idea of the story. Don't try to figure out every word. Most of them, however will gradually fall into place as time goes on."

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Ref: TEACH YOUR OWN-J. Holt + P. Farenga -- www.holtgws.com

www.readaloudinternational.org -- InvitationalEducation.net

EducationRevolution.org -- LifeLearningMagazine.com -- edutopia.org

OpenConnections.org--Never ask a child a question if you already know the answer. SCHOOLING AS VIOLENCE-How Schools Harm Pupils + Society-HaNHARI.org

www.Unschooling.com--www.ReadToMeIntl.org  
PS The Chinese have used choral reading for 5000 years. The Irish use English better than we do because of it. Research shows that it's the best method for 97% of our folks, rich or poor. -PROFSCAM-C.Sykes

PPS You don't have to actually SAY all of the above to the pupil; most will be spontaneously understood as you demonstrate the technique

PPPS Perhaps the best method of all is to tell them that they're not allowed to read until they're grown up -- and then try to stop them!

Ref:-SCHOOL IS DEAD-Reimer--HOW CHILDREN FAIL-Holt--DUMBING US DOWN-Gatto  
AlternativesToSchool.com---www.YouthActivismProject.org

Just 31% of college seniors are proficient readers; down from 40% ten years ago. 80% of high-school seniors say they'll never again read a book. The average PA home has just 3 books. 450,000 people belong to the "I Hate Reading" Facebook page; 45,000 to "I Love Reading."

Poor Black 4th-graders can achieve above grade level in reading and AT gr. level in writing + math when all teaching is with a newspaper (sports pages + human-interest) + no homework or report cards and test only on the last day, to keep administrators happy. Stories