

PRE-READING

Look at the pictures and read the title of the lesson.

1. Circle your answers and write them on the lines.

- a) People in the first picture are playing _____ (football / volleyball)
 b) They are playing _____ (at night / in the morning)
 c) The stadium is _____ (full of fans / empty)
 d) The person in the second picture is a _____ (teacher / student)
 e) The student is in the _____ (library / cafeteria)
 f) He is _____ a newspaper. (writing / reading)

Picture 1



Picture 2



2. Read these statements. Tick (✓) Yes or No.

STATEMENTS	Yes	No
a) Football is a team game.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Reading is not important when learning a new language.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Both good footballers and good readers need practice.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Good readers never visit the library.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) A library and a bookstore are two different places.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

LEARNING TO READ IS LIKE LEARNING TO PLAY FOOTBALL

5 Abdullah Al-Qahtani is a student in a secondary school. He is a very good student. For example, before a history test, he spends many hours studying his history textbook. He learns all of the important ideas in his textbook. As a result, he usually gets 100% on the test.



10 Abdullah wants to be an excellent football player, too, so he wants to buy a book about playing football and learn all the important facts about playing football. Will Abdullah become a good football player as a result of his studying? I don't think that Abdullah will become a good football player simply by studying a book. Everyone knows that a footballer must practice or train for many years to become a good football player. That's because playing football is a skill. So, what is a "Skill"?

15 *A skill is an ability to do something well by training or practicing.* A skillful football player has a lot of experience playing football. He has a strong body and strong muscles because he trains daily. Suppose Abdullah is in the Preparatory Year at the University of Ha'il. Suppose he wants to learn to read English well. Suppose he attends every Reading class and he listens carefully to the teacher. In addition, he learns all of the vocabulary. Will Abdullah actually learn to read well?

20 I don't think that Abdullah will become an excellent reader only by coming to class, listening to the teacher and learning vocabulary. Those things are important but they are not enough. A student must practice many hours to become a good reader. Reading, like playing football, is a skill. A skillful reader has a lot of experience, just like a skillful football player. Daily reading for many hours both in class and outside of class helps students read well. Practice, practice and more practice makes good football players and it also makes good readers.

25 Suppose you want to become an excellent reader. What will you have to do?



COMPREHENSION CHECK

1. Answer the following comprehension questions based on the Reading text.

a) What does the title tell us about the text?

b) Why doesn't the author think that Abdullah will become a good footballer by studying a book?

c) What is a skill?

2. Read the following sentences. Circle your answers and write them on the lines.

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| a) Abdullah is a student in a _____ school. | primary | secondary |
| b) He _____ gets 100% on the test. | usually | rarely |
| c) He wants to be an excellent _____ player. | basketball | football |
| d) A skillful footballer has a great _____ to play football. | ability | inability |
| e) _____ reading helps students read well. | Monthly | Daily |

VOCABULARY & UNDERSTANDING

1. Circle the correct answers. Write them on the lines.

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| a) Good students _____ time revising their lessons. | waste | spend |
| b) Only _____ can make good readers. | practice | laziness |
| c) Good readers read _____. | monthly | daily |
| d) Good readers need to practice _____ hours. | much | many |
| e) It is important for students to _____ classes. | attend | miss |

2. Complete these sentences using the words in the box below.

spend practice daily many attend

- a) _____ reading means reading everyday.
b) If you want a good car, you need to _____ a good amount of money.
c) I can't see _____ students registering in this course. The course is too difficult.
d) Students who _____ classes usually achieve better grades.
e) Unlike other subjects, learning languages requires a lot of _____.

3. Match the expressions on the left with the sentences on the right. Write the correct letter in the blank.

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| _____ 1. Abdullah Al-Qahtani is a student | a. by studying a book |
| _____ 2. To become a good football player | b. help students read better |
| _____ 3. Abdullah won't become a good footballer | c. a footballer must practice or train for many years |
| _____ 4. Daily reading can | d. in a secondary school |

LANGUAGE FOCUS

Below is the 1st paragraph of the Reading Text.

- 1) Read it and pay attention to the underlined words.

Abdullah Al-Qahtani is a student in a secondary school. He is an excellent student. For example, before a history test, he spends many hours studying his history textbook. He learns all of the important ideas in his textbook. As a result, he usually gets 100% on the test.

- 2) Read the following sentences and underline the correct form of the VERB.

- a) Khalid (is/are) a student at the University of Ha'il.
b) He (speak/speaks) Arabic and English.
c) He (has/have) two brothers who (work/works) in the bank.
d) His brothers (is/are) older than him.
e) Mutlaq (is/are) the eldest.

- 3) Read the words in the box and:

- a) Underline three verbs; e.g. eat
b) Circle the names of three persons; e.g. Ayyad
c) Put a box around three cities; e.g. Riyadh

Riyadh - is - John - afternoon - Computing - school - have - night - bed - Sumayya -
breakfast - eat - car - Tareq - Dammam - study - college - Ha'il - buy - weekend - Manama
- Friday - England - Ajman

- 4) Use the list of words you underlined, the list of words you circled, and the list of words you put a box around, and use the space below to write one sentence in the simple present.

- 5) **Skill** is a noun / **skillful** is its adjective. Look at the following words and write their adjectives:

Play _____
Help _____
Peace _____
Care _____
Hope _____

- 6) Complete the sentences below with the following adjectives:

peaceful - helpful - careful

- a) My English teacher is very _____. He always helps me.
b) Children need to be _____ when crossing the road.
c) My friend Ali is very _____. He never fights or shouts.