



Dear Student,

Welcome to Fulbright. This cycle we will be continuing with the Extensive Reading Program. As you may have heard, reading is the best way to improve in every area of your English skills. By reading, you will learn new vocabulary, which will improve your comprehension. Also, you will be able to observe and notice grammar, word order, punctuation, and spelling rules, which will make you a better writer. Reading can even make you a better speaker and listener because when you read dialogues and conversations between the characters, you will learn new expressions, and that will help you be more fluent when you are talking. And of course, the more you read, the better reader you will become!

Because of all the benefits of reading, you will have access to many different books and many different kinds of books. You will be able to read romance novels, biographies, mysteries, books about sports, fashion, different countries...whatever interests you!

But how can you see the benefits of extensive reading? The key is to read often and to read a lot. The more you read, the more you'll develop your vocabulary; the easier it'll be to read, and the more you'll enjoy reading. Then, you'll be reading more, learning more, enjoying it more, and so on. Another important thing to keep in mind while reading for fun is—don't use a dictionary. If you have to use a dictionary to look up a lot of words in order to understand, you are going to become bored, and you won't enjoy reading. Therefore, always remember to pick a book that is easy enough for you to read without having to use a dictionary, and one that is interesting, fun, entertaining, educational, etc.

Remember, reading is FUN, so you will not be tested or quizzed on the extensive reading books. Time will be the true test of how much and in how many ways reading has helped you.

Please take advantage of this great opportunity not only to improve your English but also to expand your mind. Read as much as you can and whenever you can, even if it is just for a few minutes each day. Please feel free to come talk to me about any books that you really loved (or hated!), or if you need a recommendation about what to read.

ENJOY YOUR READING!

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The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
~ Dr. Seuss