

## Speed Reader



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*Speed Reader/Ultimate Speed Reader* offers eye movement exercises, timed and paced readings with comprehension questions, and an authoring capability so that teachers can add their own content. A record-keeping function helps teachers and students keep track of student progress.

Published by Davidson/Knowledge Adventure. Available from SmartKids Software ([smartkidssoftware.com](http://smartkidssoftware.com)) as part of Excel@HighSchool.

### Resources

Technical Support for Speed Reader

<http://support.knowledgeadventure.com/technical-support/help/>

PowerPoint show about using Ultimate Speed Reader (use Internet Explorer) by Chris Freeman, NOVA

[http://www.nvcc.edu/home/cfreeman/Ultime%20Speed%20Reader\\_files/frame.htm](http://www.nvcc.edu/home/cfreeman/Ultime%20Speed%20Reader_files/frame.htm)

Some suggested activities for using Speed Reader from Hawaii Community College

<http://www.hawcc.hawaii.edu/wwwreading/Readinglab/ultimatespeedreaderdirections.htm>

Background information about Speed Reader

[http://homepage.smc.edu/reading\\_lab/more\\_about\\_ultimate\\_speed\\_reader.htm](http://homepage.smc.edu/reading_lab/more_about_ultimate_speed_reader.htm)

### Other speed reading programs

Ace Reader ([www.acereader.com](http://www.acereader.com))

30-day free trial; the full version is from \$25-\$80, depending on features

Speedreader ([www.peltonweb.com/downloads](http://www.peltonweb.com/downloads))

Freeware. While not as complex as Speed Reader, the price is right.

### Reading Teaching Tips and Resources

Teaching ESL Reading Using Computers,

<http://iteslj.org/Techniques/AIKahtani-ComputerReading/>

An article from ITESL-J about reading and computers.

ITESL-J Lesson Plans

<http://iteslj.org/Lessons/>

Look for the Reading section.

AskEric Lesson Plans: Reading

[http://askeric.org/cgi-bin/lessons.cgi/Language\\_Arts/Reading](http://askeric.org/cgi-bin/lessons.cgi/Language_Arts/Reading)

Most of these relate to specific readings, but some are more general.

### **Extended Activities and Resources**

How to Read Nonfictional English Texts Faster and More Effectively

<http://iteslj.org/Techniques/Stiefenhofer-FastReading.html>

An article from ITESL-J, giving a number of suggestions for reading faster

Tips for reading faster

[http://webits3.appstate.edu/apples/study/Read\\_Fast/Default.htm](http://webits3.appstate.edu/apples/study/Read_Fast/Default.htm)

This offers an overview of techniques for faster and better reading

Improve Your Reading Speed

<http://www.businessknowhow.com/career/readfaster.htm>

This gives an overview of skills involved in increasing reading speed and links to information about reading faster.

Brief Suggestions for Increasing Reading Speed

<http://www.utexas.edu/student/utlc/handouts/512.html>

Not an easy reading, but some good tips.

Constructing Meaning

Have students add their own essays with comprehension questions as readings to Speed Reader. They'll understand more, and the teacher will work a bit less.

URL: <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/eli/egypt/speedreader.html> and

<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~ielp/software/>

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