



TRABZON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES
2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR
READING SKILLS SYLLABUS

Course: HZR-RDG	Course Unit: English Preparatory Program	Language of Instruction: English
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Aims of the Course:

- Pre-reading by skimming the content to make meaningful predictions about what the content will cover.
- Developing strategies to read more efficiently without compromising comprehension.
- Reading articles and reports that address current issues and include specific points of view.
- Inferring the meaning of unknown words in texts from context.
- Understanding the themes, main ideas, and key points of complex texts on concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in their field of specialization.
- Identifying details and specific information in detailed texts.
- Summarizing information from different sources and expressing it in their own words.
- Analyzing and synthesizing the texts they read, evaluating, and expressing their views.

Source: Making Connections - Skills and Strategies for Academic Reading 2-3, Jo McEntire, Jessica Williams (2nd and 3rd Ed.) Cambridge University Press

This section of the lesson plan is based on the content of the Making Connections- Skills and Strategies for Academic Reading 2

Week	Units	Skills & Strategies	Readings	Reading Skills	Critical Thinking with Research and Writing	Making Connections	
1st Week	Introduction: General information about course						
2nd Week	Unit 1 The News Media	Vocabulary: Understanding Vocabulary in Context	“The News Media in The Past” “The History of Electronic Media”	Connecting to the topic Previewing and predicting Checking the main idea Improving reading speed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring opinions • Analyzing information 	Word repetition	
3rd Week	Unit 1 The News Media	Reading: Finding Main ideas	“Citizen Journalism” “Ethical Reporting”		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluating information • Agreeing and disagreeing 	Word repetition	
4th Week	Unit 2 Education	Vocabulary: Using the dictionary	“Education Around the World” “Testing in Education”		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personalizing • Exploring opinions 	Pronoun connectors	
5th Week	Unit 2 Education	Reading: Finding supporting details	“Alternative Education” “Skills for the 21 st Century”		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring opinions • Personalizing 	Pronoun connectors	
Quiz I	Quiz-I						
6th Week	Unit 3 The World of Business	Vocabulary: The vocabulary of numbers	“Supply and Demand in the Global Economy” “The Workforce of the 21 st Century”		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifying concepts • Applying information 	Cause-and-effect connectors	
7th Week	Unit 3 The World of Business	Reading: Information in graphs and charts	“Communication Technology in Business” “Business and Sustainability”		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesizing • Understanding point of view 	Cause-and-effect connectors	
8th Week							

Review of Units 1-2-3							
9th Week	EXAM (I)						
10th Week	Unit 4 Population Change and Its Impact	Vocabulary: Collocations	“Population Trends” “Global Migration”	Connecting to the topic Previewing and predicting Checking the main idea Improving reading speed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying information • Exploring opinions 	Contrast connectors	
11th Week	Unit 4 Population Change and Its Impact	Reading: Scanning for specific information	“The Growth of Cities” “Challenges Facing the World’s Cities”		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying information • Analyzing information 	Contrast connectors	
12th Week	Unit 5 Design in Everyday Life	Vocabulary: Vocabulary study	“The Design of Everyday Objects” “Ergonomics”		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personalizing • Applying information 	Review of connectors	
13th Week	Unit 5 Design in Everyday Life	Reading: Taking notes from a reading	“The Design of Living Spaces” “Fashion”		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring opinions • Clarifying concepts 	Review of connectors	
Quiz II	Quiz-II (Pop-Up)						
14th Week	Unit 6 The Brain and Behavior	Vocabulary: Collocations	‘Brain Development and Function’ ‘The Teenage Brain’		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifying concepts • Analyzing information 	Review of connectors	
15th Week	Unit 6 The Brain and Behavior	Reading: Preparing for a reading test	‘The Male and Female Brain’ ‘Addiction and the Brain’		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personalizing • Applying information 	Review of connectors	
16th Week	EXAM (II)						

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Week	Units	Skills & Strategies	Readings	Reading Skills	Critical Thinking with Research and Writing	Making Connections
17th Week	Unit 1 Global Health	Reading: Identifying Main Ideas	“The State of the World’s Health” “Changing Attitudes Toward Cardiovascular Disease”	Connecting to the topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyzing information • Personalizing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Result • Response • Detail
18th Week	Unit 1 Global Health	Reading: Cause and Effect	“Medicine And Genetic Research” “Malaria: Portrait of a Disease”	Previewing and predicting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying information • Analyzing information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Result • Response • Detail
19th Week	Unit 1 Global Health	Language Managing Unknown Vocabulary	“The Health Care Divide”	While you read Main idea check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesizing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Result • Response • Detail
20th Week	Unit 2 Multicultural Societies	Reading: Continuing Ideas	“The Age of Immigration” “Who are Today’s Immigrants?”	A closer look Improving your reading speed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifying concepts • Synthesizing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correction • Cause • Detail
21st Week	Unit 2 Multicultural Societies	Reading: Point of View	“The Meeting of Cultures” “One World: One Culture”		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreeing and Disagreeing • Personalizing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correction • Cause • Detail
Quiz III	Quiz -III					
22nd Week	Unit 2 Multicultural Societies	Language Reduced Relative Clauses	“The Challenge Diversity”		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring Opinions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correction • Cause • Detail
23rd Week	Unit 3 Aspects of Language	Reading: Identifying the Thesis of a Language	“When Does Language Learning Begin?” “Learning a Language as an Adult”		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifying concepts • Applying information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Result • Contrast • Detail
	Unit 3	Reading:	“Rules of Speaking”		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personalizing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Result

24th Week	Aspects of Language	Definition of a Classification	“Languages in Contact”		• Exploring opinions	• Contrast • Detail
25th Week	EXAM (III)					
26th Week	Unit 3 Aspects of Language	Reading: Definition of a Classification	“Rules of Speaking” “Languages in Contact”	Connecting to the topic	• Personalizing • Exploring opinions	• Result • Contrast • Detail
27th Week	Unit 3 Aspects of Language	Language: Passive Sentences	“The Advantages of Multilingualism”	Previewing and predicting While you read	• Analyzing information	• Result • Contrast • Detail
28th Week	Unit 4 Sustaining Planet Earth	Reading: Problem-Solution Texts	“Ecology, Overpopulation, and Economic Development” “The Aral Sea: An Environmental Crisis”	Main idea check A closer look	• Clarifying Concepts • Synthesizing	• Result • Solution • Detail
29th Week	Unit 4 Sustaining Planet Earth	Reading: Graphic Material	“Biodiversity and Tropical Rain Forests” “The Water Crisis”	Improving your reading speed	• Exploring opinions • Clarifying concepts	• Result • Solution • Detail
30th Week	Unit 4 Sustaining Planet Earth	Language: Nominalization in Subjects	“Managing Earth’s Greenhouse”		• Personalizing	• Result • Solution • Detail
31st Week	Review of Units 1-2-3-4					
32nd Week	FINAL EXAM					