

# Extensive Reading Explained

**What, Why, How**

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# Overview

What is extensive reading? (and what it isn't)

Why is it useful for language programs?

How can we implement it?

Case study

Q&A

Goal

# Reading Habit

What?

Easy

What?

**Interesting**

What?

**Large amount**

What?

**Easy**

**Interesting**

**Large amount**

# What it isn't

Using graded readers  
Reading difficult texts  
Supplementary activities



Why?

**Effective**

Why?

**Realistic**

Why?

**Motivating**

Why?



**Effective**

**Realistic**

**Motivating**

How?

**Start Small**

How?

**Borrow**

How?

**Publicise**

How?

**Start Small**

**Borrow**

**Publicise**



Case study

**ER@TU**

# Questions?

Extensive Reading Foundation

<http://erfoundation.org/>

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