



Α. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ \_\_\_\_\_ 30 points

ΚΕΙΜΕΝΟ

Read the text below and respond to tasks A1 and A2.



## How Reading Books in a Foreign Language Helps You Learn It: On the Example of a Book – 1984

You can learn a new or foreign language in different ways. You can take a class, speak with foreign acquaintances, hire a tutor, or watch a lot of foreign movies with subtitles. Any of these methods will help you learn.

But there is one method that can take you to the next level and that is reading! This exercise is your best bet to learn a new language, even if you're a beginner who has yet to embark on a learning journey.

### **Improves your vocabulary**

One of the best ways to expand your vocabulary is through reading. Often, while reading, you come across words that you haven't encountered before. Looking for the meaning of those words will help you discover and understand what you're reading.

Repetition of these new vocabulary words will help you recall them better. You can pick up new words while reading books, articles, and even while having conversations. Reading comprehension becomes a lot easier when you become familiar with keywords too.

This is one of the reasons why new vocabulary is often presented then practiced at the start of a lesson at school. You can learn then practice the pronunciations of words, which you can later use while talking to other people too.

### **Learn other languages too**

When you read books in a foreign language, you can feel more comfortable with the grammatical rules and the words of the language. This allows you to express your own thoughts as though you're reading in your own native language.

Seeing the text of new concepts and words will help reinforce your memory of them. This also gives you the ability to stop, look up, or recall the meanings of words to provide you with an individualized pace for your mental absorption.

Even when reading at a slower pace, you can read more sentences in a given time than an average TV show or movie. This is the reason why voracious readers speak more articulately compared to "average speakers."

### **One more word about books**

Many people all over the world learn English and other languages through books. One excellent example of a book to read that will help you understand English better is 1984 by George Orwell.

After reading books, you can take your learning further by writing or going through samples of college essays. For instance, you can visit <https://samplius.com/free-essay-examples/books/> to find what you need. With sites like these, studying becomes much easier, whether you want to read just 1 essay or you can read up to 198!

### **Essays about 1984**

Speaking of the book, 1984, you may receive a writing assignment like an essay or a research paper where you would have to write about this book. This is a very interesting book to read while honing your comprehension skills.

Writing [college essays on 1984 by George Orwell](#) is quite common in universities. To have an idea of what to write, you can look at samples from WritingBros. Here, you can also see other essays with various topics for you to learn from.

### **An example of a book to read**

Many have read the masterpiece novel of George Orwell entitled, 1984, which he wrote in the year 1948. This dystopian fiction is about a society ruled by an oligarchical dictatorship.

The setting is in Airstrip One, an Oceania province. This world is in perpetual war, incessant public mind control, and pervasive government surveillance. The people in Oceania always follow the state and this philosophy has allowed "The Party" to control and manipulate humanity.

The protagonist of the novel is Winston Smith, a civil servant who works at the Ministry of Truth. His meager existence has disillusioned him to the point of seeking to rebel against Big Brother.

If you want to brush up on your English reading and comprehension, this is one of the more interesting books you should try to read.

### **Read simple books too**

You can improve your mastery of the English language in several ways through reading. Just remember that it is essential to find the methods and books that will work best for you.

Choose books that suit your personal interests and even your level of English. Remember, reading should be a fun and interesting experience. If you pick a book that's difficult, boring, or doesn't arouse your interest, look for another one.

To help you out, here are some tips for choosing the perfect book in any language:

- **You must find it interesting**

There are so many books out there you can choose from. If you will start reading, make sure to choose one that you really love.

- **Choose the right level**

The book you should choose should neither be too easy nor too difficult. Try out a book by reading the first 2 or 3 pages. If you encounter an average of ten 10 new words on each page, this might be too difficult for you. Choose a simpler book.

Remember that reading shouldn't be a vocabulary exercise. After reading the first few pages and you find the book easy to understand with only a couple of new words, then the book is a good choice.

- **Watch the movie adaptation**

If you feel that an original English (or foreign) novel is too overwhelming, try watching the film adaptation first. Many of the bestselling novels usually have these. This gives you a basic understanding of the plot before reading the novel itself. Moreover, watching a movie is often a great practice experience too.

### **Conclusion**

One great thing about reading books is that you can do it anywhere. Make a habit of reading by spending at least half an hour each day on focused reading. This is a very simple way of honing your reading skills while learning new things. The more you practice reading, the more you improve.

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### **A1. Answer questions 1-3, based on information from the text (max. 30 words each).**

**(3 x 4 points = 12 points)**

1. How does reading books in a foreign language contribute to the improvement of language skills beyond vocabulary expansion?
2. Besides reading books, what other methods or strategies can individuals use to enhance their language learning experience?
3. Can you share an example of a personal experience where reading a book in a foreign language significantly helped you in your language learning journey?

### **A2. Choose the correct answer A, B or C (18 points) (6\*3)**

#### **4. How does reading books help improve vocabulary?**

- a) By practicing pronunciations of words
- b) By providing exposure to keywords
- c) By presenting new vocabulary words at the start of a lesson
- d) By offering explanations and meanings of new words

**5. What advantage does reading books in a foreign language provide?**

- a) It helps you express your own thoughts more effectively.
- b) It allows you to learn multiple languages simultaneously.
- c) It provides a slower pace for mental absorption.
- d) It improves comprehension skills more than watching movies.

**6. What should be considered when choosing a book in a foreign language?**

- a) The length of the book
- b) The popularity of the book
- c) The genre of the book
- d) Personal interests and language level

**7. What is a recommended approach to determine if a book is at an appropriate language level?**

- a) Read the entire book and assess difficulty afterward.
- b) Ask a language tutor for their recommendation.
- c) Read the first few pages and count the number of new words.
- d) Consult online book reviews for language learners.

**8. What is a suggestion for those who find an original novel too challenging in a foreign language?**

- a) Read the book in translation instead.
- b) Watch the movie adaptation before reading the book.
- c) Switch to a different book by the same author.
- d) Seek assistance from a language learning app.

**9. How can reading books help improve reading skills and learning new things?**

- a) By providing practice and repetition
- b) By offering a variety of subjects and topics
- c) By allowing reading anywhere and anytime
- d) All of the above

**B. ΓΛΩΣΣΙΚΗ ΕΠΙΓΝΩΣΗ \_\_\_\_\_ 30 points**

**B1. Use the correct form of the following words (A-H) to complete the sentences (10-14), as in the example. There are TWO words you do not need. (5\*2 points= 10 points)**

**A. Revolution B. Argument C. Replace D. Benefit E. Expel F. Amaze G. Prevail  
H. Child**

**Example: Mobile phones have revolutionised telecommunications.**

- 10. I wish Tim would grow up; I can't stand his \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11. His \_\_\_\_\_ from school was no surprise to anyone.
- 12. The \_\_\_\_\_ of reality shows on TV is a recent phenomenon.
- 13. I've never met such a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ character.
- 14. I was very upset because the vase she broke was \_\_\_\_\_.

**B2. Fill in the gaps with three words in the statements of column B, so that they are similar in meaning to the statements (15-19) of column A, as in the example. (5\*2 points= 10 points)**

<b>Example:</b> I wish you would take notice of what I am trying to tell you.	If only you would <b>pay attention to</b> what I am trying to tell you.
<b>COLUMN A</b>	<b>COLUMN B</b>
15. A number of parks can be found near our house, fortunately.	Fortunately, there are a number of parks _____ of our house.
16. They congratulated him on his courageous achievement.	He was congratulated _____ of bravery.
17. I think you should try to find a physician as soon as possible.	If I were you, I would try to _____ a physician as soon as possible.
18. If mum finds out what you're up to, you're going to be in trouble.	If mum _____ what you're up to, you're going to be in trouble.
19. We were so exhausted we couldn't think of a solution.	Such was our exhaustion that we couldn't _____ a solution.

**B3. Match items 20-24 (Column 1) with options A-G (Column 2) to make complete sentences about women. In column 2 there are two options you do not need. (5\*2 points= 10 points)**

Column 1	Column2
20. Feminism isn't about making women strong....	A. is until you put her in hot water.
21. A woman is like a tea bag- you can't tell how strong she...	B. is courage.
22. The best protection any woman can have ....	C. it's about changing the way the world perceives that strength.
23. I raise up my voice- not so I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard....	D. I know exactly what I want.
24. The question isn't who's going to let me....	E. women are the real architects of society.
	F. we cannot succeed when half of us are held back.
	G. it's who's going to stop me.

**Γ. ΠΑΡΑΓΩΓΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ \_\_\_\_\_ 40 points**

**C. Writing (40points): Produce a written text of 180-200 words.**

**Task: Write an essay discussing the pros and cons of physical books and e-books. Explore the unique characteristics and advantages of each format. Consider aspects such as portability, accessibility, environmental impact, reading experience, and personal preferences. Share your personal opinion on which format you prefer and explain your reasoning.**

**GOOD LUCK!!!**

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