

Intermediate English Reading

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Summer Reading Test

- Next week
- On *Sense and Sensibility*
- If you have read *Joy Luck Club*, that's great! It wouldn't be tested on but you are welcome to talk about it with me.

What I want to achieve in the IER class

1. Deadline: the end of next week.
 - Include in the subject “Intermediate English Reading Homework”
2. A first glimpse:

What the students say they want:

- Better vocabulary
- Read fast, understand fast
- To pass the CSEPT (see, e.g. <http://www.lttc.ntu.edu.tw/CSEPT/CSEPT2.htm>)
- Things about other cultures

Excerpts (edited)

- *“It's often so inconvenient to read if you don't have a good vocabulary, and it's a waste of time checking all the words in the dictionary...”*
- *“I find it really hard to understand the long articles in the exam within very limited time.”*

Other things the students have said

- *If I do whatever the teacher told me to, then I will be in good shape*
 - Is that a goal ? 😊
- *I have learnt a lot / I have a lot to learn/ I want to get to the next level*
 - Do you mean you want to be able to read the New York Times?

Other things the students have said

- *Would I use a microphone?*
 - Yes, as soon as I find one.
- *Can we watch some video or study some texts from outside?*
 - Let's see if we have time.

Today

- Chapter 1, Part 2: Campus life is changing (p.12-)
- Pronouns (p.15)
- Summary writing (p.16)
- Your thoughts (p.16)

QUESTIONS?

Homework

- Review what we did today (see checklist on p.21).
 - Prepare for the test.
- ... Learning to make summaries (see Chapter 1, Part 2) helps

And here is something different

Enjoy!

Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening

By Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.



Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.



The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.