Extensive Reading

What is Extensive Reading?

- You learn English by reading easy books.
- You choose what to read.
- You read for fun. If you do not like a book, stop reading and choose another book.

Why do Extensive Reading?

- **You will get better at reading.** The more you practice reading, the easier it is to read.
- **Your vocabulary will get bigger.** Reading words again and again will help you recognize them, without using flashcards or a dictionary.
- **Your writing will get better.** Reading will help you learn how sentences are written in English.

Where do you find books to read?

The Thompson Library has books for English Language Program students.
- The collection has its own library website: https://libguides.umflint.edu/extensive-reading
- You can search the collection on the website by typing **"ELP 1"** into the search box.
- It is on the third floor of the library.
- You can check out a book for 3 weeks.
- You need your M-Card to check out books.

What kind of books does the library have?

- **Fiction:** stories that are not true

- **Non-fiction:** stories that are true

- **Biography:** the true story of a person's life

- **Graded readers:** stories written for English students

- **Read-along:** a book that comes with a CD of a person reading the book; you can read and then listen, listen and then read, or try to read and listen at the same time
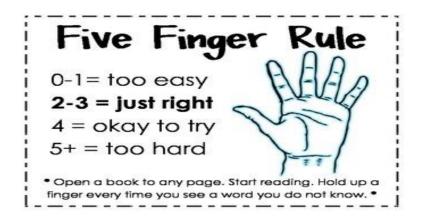
Rules of Extensive Reading*

1. ## Read for fun.

2. ## You choose what to read.

3. ## Read easy books.

   Red Level is for Reading and Writing 1 and 2 classes.

   G books are very easy. **F** books are easy. **E** books are less easy.

   Use the Five Finger Rule to help pick a book.

   Five Finger Rule

   0-1 = too easy
   2-3 = just right
   4 = okay to try
   5+ = too hard

   • Open a book to any page. Start reading. Hold up a finger every time you see a word you do not know. •

4. ## Read different books. Read fiction and nonfiction books.

5. ## Read many books. Try to read one book a week. Many of the books are short.

6. ## Do not use a dictionary when reading.

7. ## Read to understand the story, not every word.

8. ## Read on your own.