

UNIV 1800 – Reading Speed Activity

Time Required:

15-20 mins

Learning Objective:

Students will learn to calculate their reading speed in words/min (wpm).

Directions:

- 1) Print out the reading speed packet, double-sided and stapled.
- 2) Hand out packets, tell students not to open them. Stay on cover sheet.
- 3) Open up a [count-up timer](#) or [clock](#) in a web browser.
- 4) Read through instructions on the cover sheet of the packets.
- 5) Start the timer and have students complete the packet.
- 6) Give students a maximum of 7 minutes to complete (or whenever everyone is finished).
- 7) Have students determine how long it took them to read and answer.
- 8) As a class, cover the answers to the comprehension questions:
 1. a
 2. c
 3. d
 4. b
 5. a
- 9) Hand out the reading rate sheet which will allow students to calculate their rough reading speed. Time is on the left and question correct % is across the top.

On the back of that sheet students can also calculate how long the average type of media will take them to read.

“Having an understanding of your own reading speed will help you accurately plan time to complete reading assignments for all your courses.”

Optional: Have students bring syllabi to class and calculate how much time they have in reading in the next week.