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# EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING READING IN ENGLISH IN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Abstract

This article examines effective strategies for teaching English reading skills to primary school students. The focus is placed on phonics, guided reading, multisensory learning, and the integration of digital resources. These methods help build foundational reading abilities and foster student motivation and engagement in the classroom.

## Effective Strategies for Teaching Reading in English in Primary School

Reading is one of the essential skills in language learning, particularly in the context of early education. For young learners, especially those for whom English is a second or foreign language, reading not only aids language development but also promotes cognitive growth. Primary school is a critical stage in which students develop their foundational literacy skills, making it vital for teachers to apply effective and research-backed reading strategies.

1. Phonics Instruction  
Phonics remains one of the most effective approaches in early reading education. It emphasizes the connection between letters and their sounds, enabling students to decode unfamiliar words. Systematic and explicit phonics instruction has been shown to improve word recognition, spelling, and reading fluency.

2. Guided Reading Practice

Guided reading involves working in small, ability-based groups where the teacher supports learners in reading texts slightly above their comfort level. This method encourages active participation, immediate feedback, and personalized scaffolding, allowing learners to strengthen their reading comprehension and critical thinking skills.

3. Multisensory and Visual Techniques

Young learners benefit greatly from the use of visual aids, gestures, songs, and storytelling. These multisensory techniques engage different parts of the brain and help make abstract reading concepts more concrete and memorable. For example, using picture books, flashcards, and reading games enhances vocabulary retention and student engagement.

4. Integration of Digital Resources  
The modern classroom provides access to various digital tools that support reading instruction. Interactive reading platforms, educational apps, and audiobooks can enrich the reading experience. Technology allows for individualized learning paths and exposes students to authentic language usage.

5. Creating a Reading Culture

Establishing a classroom environment where reading is celebrated and encouraged is equally important. A well-organized reading corner, regular storytelling sessions, and book-sharing activities can motivate students to read for pleasure and develop a lifelong love of reading.

In conclusion, effective reading instruction in primary school requires a blend of traditional and modern teaching strategies. When implemented thoughtfully, these methods can significantly improve literacy outcomes for young learners.

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