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KEY TERMS

Extensive Reading

Reading large amounts of material for enjoyment.

WHAT EVIDENCE IS SUMMARISED?

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WHAT CAN I LEARN FROM THIS SECONDARY RESEARCH?

- What is the overall effectiveness of extensive reading?
- Does learners' age affect the impact?

HOW CAN I USE THE FINDINGS IN MY TEACHING?

- Teachers can encourage learners to read a wide range of texts, both in and out of the classroom.
- Adequate time needs to be provided to learners to read independently in the classroom.
- Teachers can provide opportunities for learners to discuss and reflect on their reading.
- For mature learners, reflections can focus on analytical thinking and language features while those for young learners can be about promoting positive reading experience.

WHAT DOES IT FIND?

- Extensive reading instruction is beneficial for improving students' English proficiency.
- Mature learners may benefit more from extensive reading than young learners.
- Consistent extensive reading improves reading comprehension and other language skills.
- Learners' enjoyment increases as they become more proficient in reading.

