

General English

Grade 12 & 13

Unit 7



Things can “DO” after A/L’ s



Tips to set yourself for Reading Comprehension

- **Before you start reading, ask yourself prereading questions.**

- What's the topic?
- What do you already know about it?
- Why has the instructor assigned this reading now?

- **Identify and define any unfamiliar terms.**

- It's faster to breeze past new words, but savvy readers take time to look up unknown words.

- **Look for the main idea.**

- Mark this text with brackets or an asterisk. Pay close attention to the introduction and opening paragraphs, which often reveal this information.

- **Write questions — and answers.**

- As you peruse a textbook, write queries in the margins, then answer those questions in a separate notebook. This approach helps to maintain concentration; while reading, consider whether the text answers each question.

- **Change titles and subtitles to questions that you then seek to answer.**

- **Try the “what it says” exercise.**

- Read a paragraph, then write a sentence summarizing the main point that paragraph conveys.

- **Write a summary.**

Write a couple of paragraphs that condense and restate an essay or chapter in your words. You can only do this if you really understand what you’ve read.

- **Write your own exam question based on the reading.**

- **Describe what you have learned to someone else.**

- Try explaining aloud what you have been studying. This exercise will move the material from your short-term memory to your long-term memory. It also will let you know if you understand the material.

- **Break up the reading into bite-sized sections.**

- If an assignment seems especially daunting, break it into smaller, more manageable pieces. And when your attention wanders, stand up and take a quick break.

- **Start with the toughest assignments.**

- Tackle the hardest reading first, particularly if you struggle with procrastination.

- **Build in rewards.**

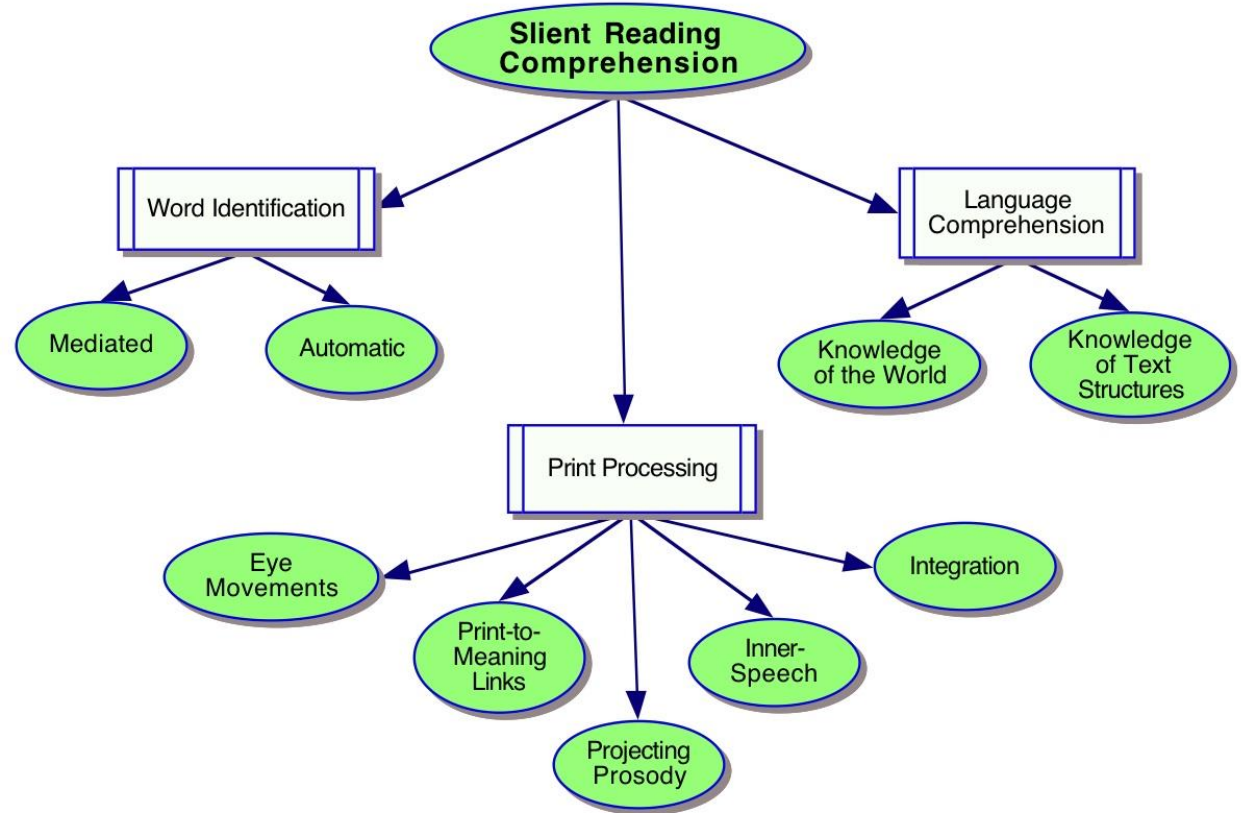
- After slogging through a difficult passage, reward yourself with a break — have a snack or a chat with a friend.

- **Avoid rereading.**

- Reading the same passage over and over also is an inefficient use of time. By concentrating more deeply, you can absorb information the first time, without rereading.

- **Pace yourself.**

- Reading dense, difficult material is hard work. Understand that reality, and manage your time accordingly. Few students can read effectively for hours at a time, so schedule regular breaks.



Let's read some texts along with comprehension questions.



How to choose the Right University

Choosing which university fits your interests and academic background is an important decision that will greatly influence the success of your university study. In Sri Lanka alone, there are many choices and therefore you need to be strategic in making a shortlist of universities and narrowing down your choices into second and first choice. This involves weighing some factors such as your motivation and aspiration, your personality, your location, and your budget.

People attend university for different reasons, so ask yourself what you want from your target university and what you want to do after you graduate. Many people attend top universities because of the prestige without considering their choice of future career. If you have interest in a particular career, you should find universities with a better reputation for your career choice than others. With a degree from a university that is most respected in the profession you want to enter, it will be easy for you to get your dream job and you will be able to climb the career ladder fast.

Last but not least, calculate your financial ability, which should cover tuition fees and cost of living. Both vary across the country and different universities, so do your homework by doing some research in order to find out which one fits your bills. If you cannot afford to go to the university of your choice, you can search for financial aid in the forms of student loans, grant, or scholarship. Do remember that if you decide to obtain a loan, you have to pay for it after you finish your study.

Your personality types also play an important role in your success as a university student. A scholarly type student usually has self-motivation to work hard in order to pass exams and achieve high grades. This type of person will find comfort in a highly academic environment offered by top private universities around the world. On the contrary, if you are not a type of person who can study for hours and getting top grades is not your main priority, you better go to a university with a more laid-back academic environment so that you will not be stressful all the time and can enjoy your life at a university.

Coming home could be a good escape during your hard time at university, so think about the distance between your home and the target university. If you get homesick easily, you should not consider choosing a university outside your hometown or which takes more than a day to travel by land or water. However, if distance is not a problem for you, you might want to consider studying abroad, especially at a university whose reputation is better than the universities in your home country.

Reading comprehension questions that go with the above reading passage.

- 1) Why do you need to choose the right university?
 - A) Because it will make you happy.
 - B) Because it has an impact on your success at university.
 - C) Because life at university is difficult.
 - D) Because the right university is difficult to find.

- 2) Which university should you go to if you already have a career choice?
 - A) One with the lowest tuition fees.
 - B) One that offers you a scholarship.
 - C) One that has the highest prestige.
 - D) One that has a good reputation in your future profession.



- 3) What type of student will enjoy a highly academic environment?
- A) A student who has self-motivation to work hard.
 - B) A smart student who does not need to study hard for exams.
 - C) A student who puts the highest priority on student societies.
 - D) A student who does not have a part-time job.
- 4) Where should you study if you are prone to homesickness?
- A) Abroad.
 - B) Outside your hometown.
 - C) At your local university.
 - D) At home.
- 5) What can you do if you do not have enough money to fund your study?
- A) Wait for a year to collect money.
 - B) Find a full-time job.
 - C) Choose to study online.
 - D) Find a student loan or scholarship.

Read the article on Sri Lanka Institute of Technology (SLIIT) and answer the questions below.

Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology

We are a leading non-state degree awarding institute approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under the Universities Act. It is a landmark in Kaduwela, Colombo. We are members of the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), as well as the International Association of Universities (IAU). We are also the first Sri Lankan institute to be accredited by the Institution of Engineering & Technology, UK.

SLIIT was established in 1999. We opened our doors to 400 students in Metro Campus in Colombo. Currently, we offer both undergraduate and postgraduate courses and accommodate over 7000 students, including international students from various regions in the world. More than 9000 alumni have graduated from our three faculties: Business, Computer, and Engineering. We take great pride in producing graduates who make meaningful contributions to their communities and professions. Among our diversely qualified graduates, alumni are software engineers, engineers, business analysts and noted entrepreneurs.

SLIIT attracts the largest share of private higher education students in Sri Lanka and our courses are designed to equip graduates to succeed in contemporary workplaces with their exposure to practical (lab, internship etc.) as well as the classroom environment. According to the graduate Tracer Studies of 2016/2017, nearly 90% of our Bachelor degree graduates find full-time employment within six months of course completion. We are one of premier degree awarding institutes with the 25 acres site to provide the university exposure for our students.

We are proud to announce that our industry internship programmes with leading multinational and local organizations in Sri Lanka have provided an opportunity for our students to learn beyond the taught content, enhancing their professional personality, and provide them with a greater understanding about the practical application of their knowledge.



1) Read the statements and mark whether they are true or false.

- a. Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology is a non-state degree awarding institute. (T/F)
- b. It is not a member of the Association of Commonwealth universities. (T/F)
- c. The metro campus is situated in Colombo. (T/F)
- d. The institute does not offer both undergraduate and postgraduate courses. (T/F)
- e. SLIIT does not attracts the largest share of private higher education students in Sri Lanka. (T/F)



2) Complete the following grid.

Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology

Established	
Province	
District	
Location	
Acres	
Faculties	
Courses	
No of Accommodation	

- 3) Find out more information about the institute and write available courses.
- 4) Do you like the look of the campus premises ? Why ?Give reasons.
- 5) Would you like to visit this place one day ?

Good Bye Children !
Stay safe.



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