

Reading comprehension skill is a necessary skill for achieving academic learning success. College students are expected to have critical and analytical skills in comprehending academic texts and in searching for more academic information through different forms of reading materials such as textbooks, journals, papers, or electronic communications in order to gain additional knowledge. The major aim of reading comprehension is to help students develop the knowledge, skills and strategies they must possess to become proficient and independent readers who read with meaning. Most of them understand the information of the text; in other words, they are good at decoding the text but struggling to comprehend what the underlying meaning and purpose beyond the text are. It increases the enjoyment and effectiveness of reading and helps not only academically, but professionally, and in a person's personal life. In this condition, scholars assert that the reason why some students struggle is due to the lack of reading comprehension strategies used as parts of background knowledge.