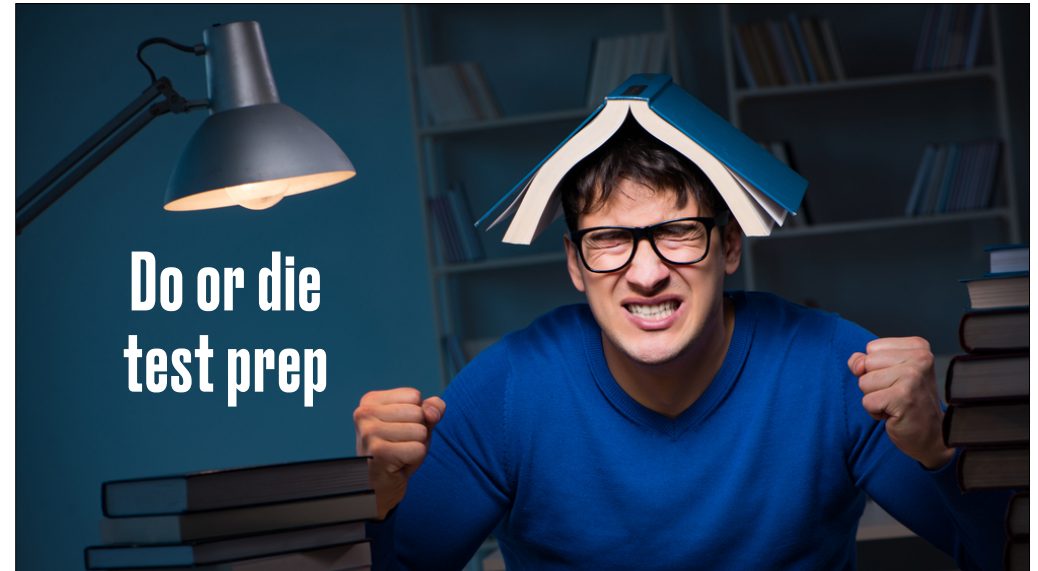


BIGGER BENEFITS OF BIG READING

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Do or die
test prep

OPENING QUESTIONS

- Do our students think reading = test prep?
- How does that affect their motivation?
- What does test-prep-reading tell them about a life of learning?



OPENING QUESTIONS

- Do our students know the benefits and pleasures of big reading?
- Can we frame big reading so we inspire students to read for pleasure and life?



FOUNDATIONAL POINTS

- Why read big?
- Do we have good foundational reasons?



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FOUNDATION - BEST IMPROVEMENT

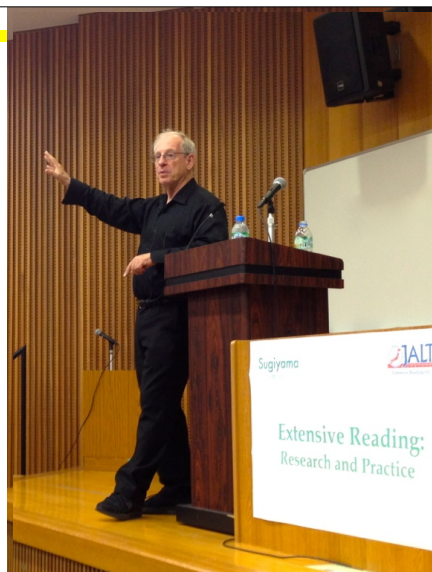
- How can we best improve how we teach?
- Nation says "adding an extensive reading program."
- "a cornerstone"

An extensive reading program is the **cornerstone of any well thought out language course.**

Paul Nation

FOUNDATION - BEST-SUPPORTED

- Why a cornerstone?
- "best-supported technique we have in the field of second-language pedagogy" (Krashen, 2003).



FOUNDATION - DEFINITIONS

- Define ER.
- It's a reading **BEE** (a meeting for communal enjoyment).
- Readers commune with authors, story characters, and other readers.

**Big
Easy
Enjoyable**

BENEFITS

- We talked about foundational reasons.
- What about benefits?



BENEFIT -- LANGUAGE LEARNING

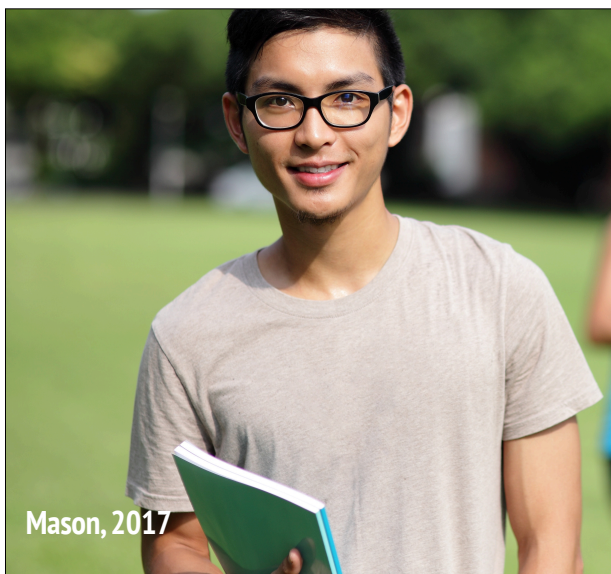
- "a completely indispensable part of any language program" (Waring, 2009).
- ER works for language acquisition.
- 2,000,000 words = 1 year abroad
- Nishisawa (personal communication)



Kenta's TOEIC jumped from 625 to 795. He gained 175 points – .87 points for every hour of reading. WOW!

Mason, 2017

This actor represents Kenta.



BENEFIT -- FUN

- "Pleasure reading is a form of play."
- Viktor Nell (1988)
- Intrinsic rewards of reading fiction
- playful reading is the reward.



BENEFIT -- SMARTS

- "Reading makes you smarter."
- Stanovich and Cunningham (1998)
 - Verbal intelligence
 - Emotional intelligence
 - Health intelligence
 - Money intelligence



BENEFIT -- GOOD LIFE

- "Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life." -- Mortimer J. Adler
 - Read to grow happiness.
 - Read to grow wisdom.
 - Read for success in life.



Big reading works for getting smarter, growing happiness,
living the good life, and for having fun.

Life
is good

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