

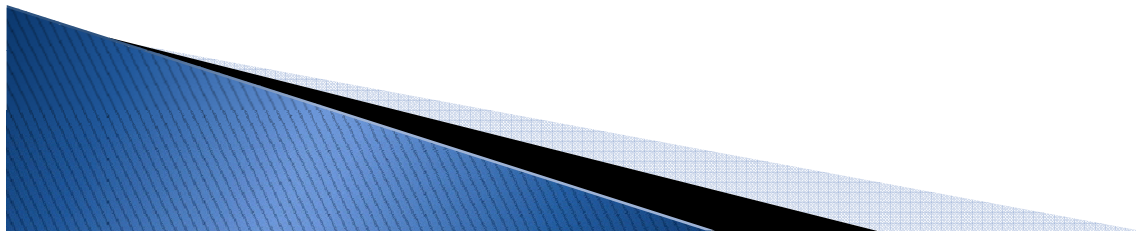


Attempts to motivate EAP students to read more in their free time

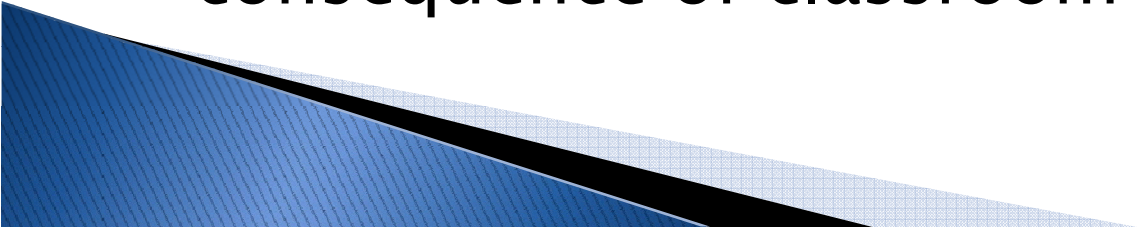
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Background to the Study

- ▶ Future: under- and post-graduate study emphasizes strong reading skills
- ▶ Observation: students do not seem to read outside of class
- ▶ IELTS (& USEPT) Reading Paper: scores tend to be poor

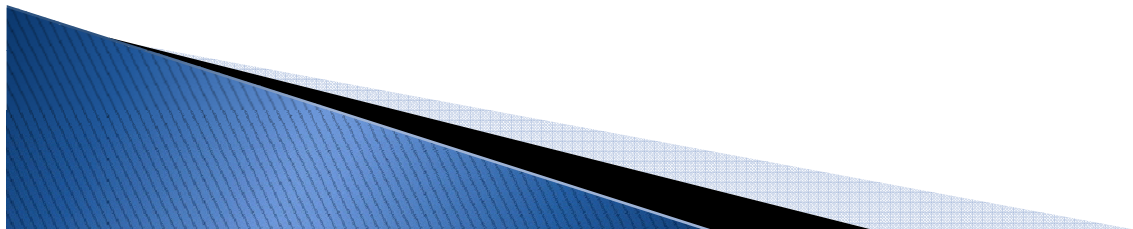


Aim

- ▶ Initial Belief: EAP students do not read much in their free-time
 - ▶ Question 1: How much reading do they do?
 - ▶ Question 2: What prevents them from reading?
 - ▶ Question 3: Do they read more as a consequence of classroom input?
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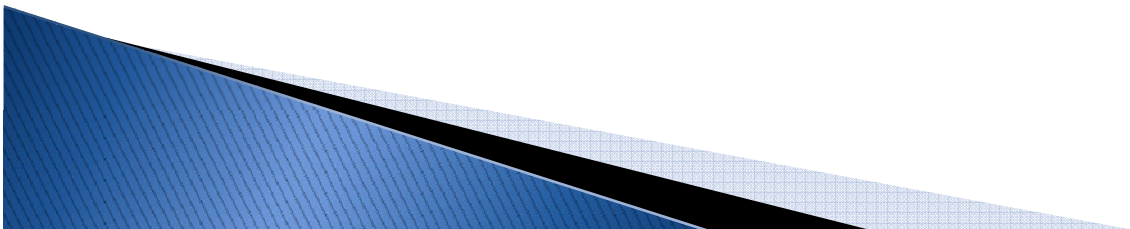
The Context

- ▶ When and where
- ▶ Students
- ▶ Class time used for intensive reading & IELTS practice
- ▶ Not enough time to develop extensive reading skills



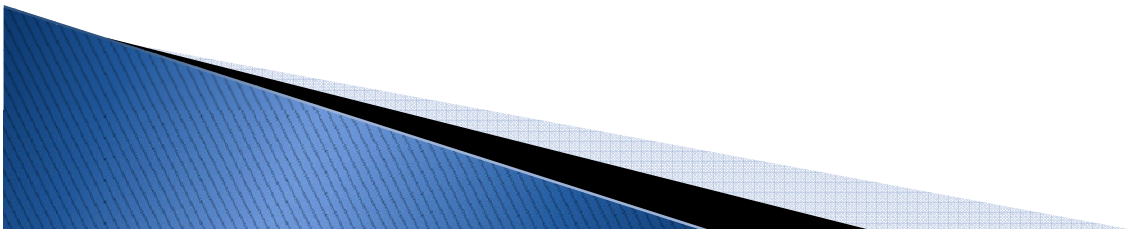
Extensive reading

- ▶ What is it?
- ▶ Why?
- ▶ [Advice for students](#)



Methodology

- ▶ Information Sheets
- ▶ Questionnaires
- ▶ Reading diaries
- ▶ Class discussion
- ▶ Classroom reading material

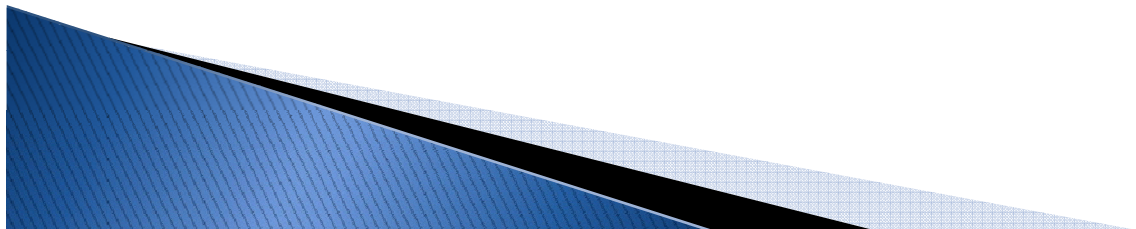


Results: at the beginning of the course

What kinds of things do you read in your free time?		Number of respondents who read this kind of material				
The Internet		9				
Fiction, novels or stories		5				
English textbooks		4				
Non-fiction		2				
Newspapers		4				
Magazines		3				
Other		2				
At the moment what if anything prevents you from reading in English?						
Too much unknown vocabulary	Time	Laziness	Money	Nothing	No answer	
3	2	1	1	2	1	1

Results: Selected Quotes

- ▶ *I don't have much time. Sometimes, I can't read because it is difficult to understand.*
- ▶ *...read in English is difficult and requires more time to understand, so I prefer reading in Arabic Language.*
- ▶ *In academic Reading its very easy because I know vocabulary, but in magazines or newspapers it's difficult however with phrasal verbs or idioms.*
- ▶ *I like to read a book in Korean, but reading in English is difficult. It takes much time. So at this moment, I like to read a simple and easy book only.*

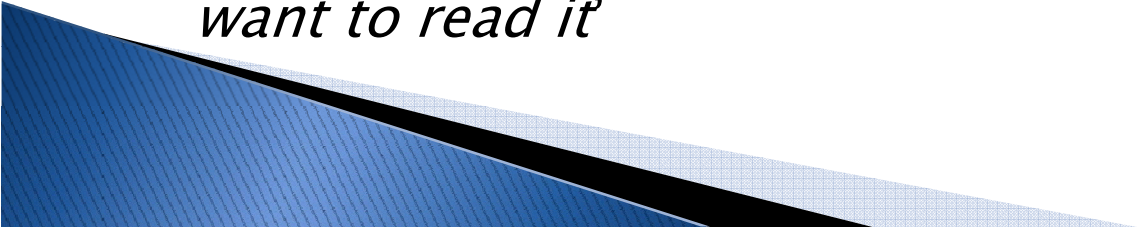


Results at the end of the course

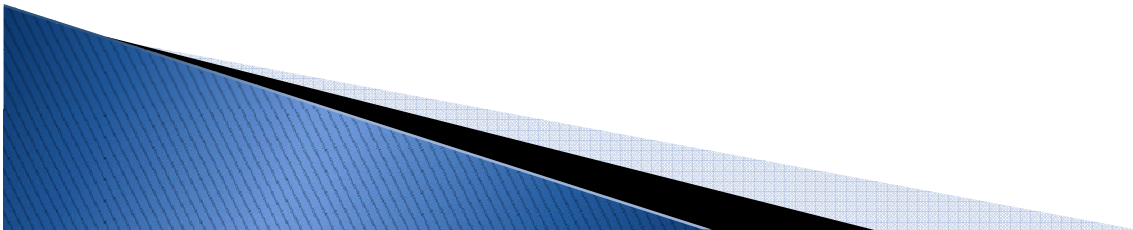
What kinds of things do you read in your free time?	Number of respondents who read this kind of material
The Internet	5
Fiction, novels or stories	2
English textbooks	3
Non-fiction	2
Newspapers	5
Magazines	2
Other	2

What factors have prevented you from reading?				
Too much unknown vocabulary	Time	Preference to read in own language	Doing practice for IELTS	Nothing
5	3	3	1	1

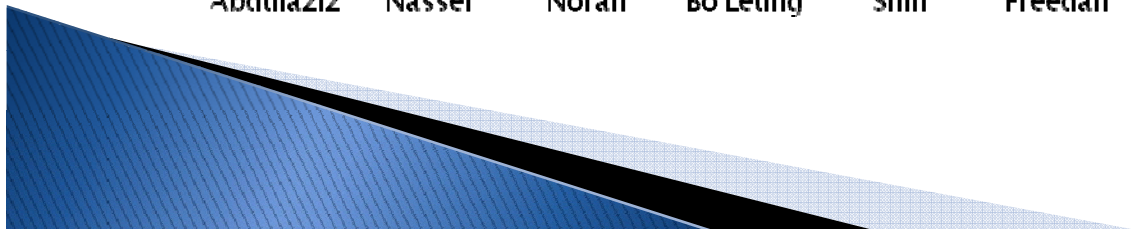
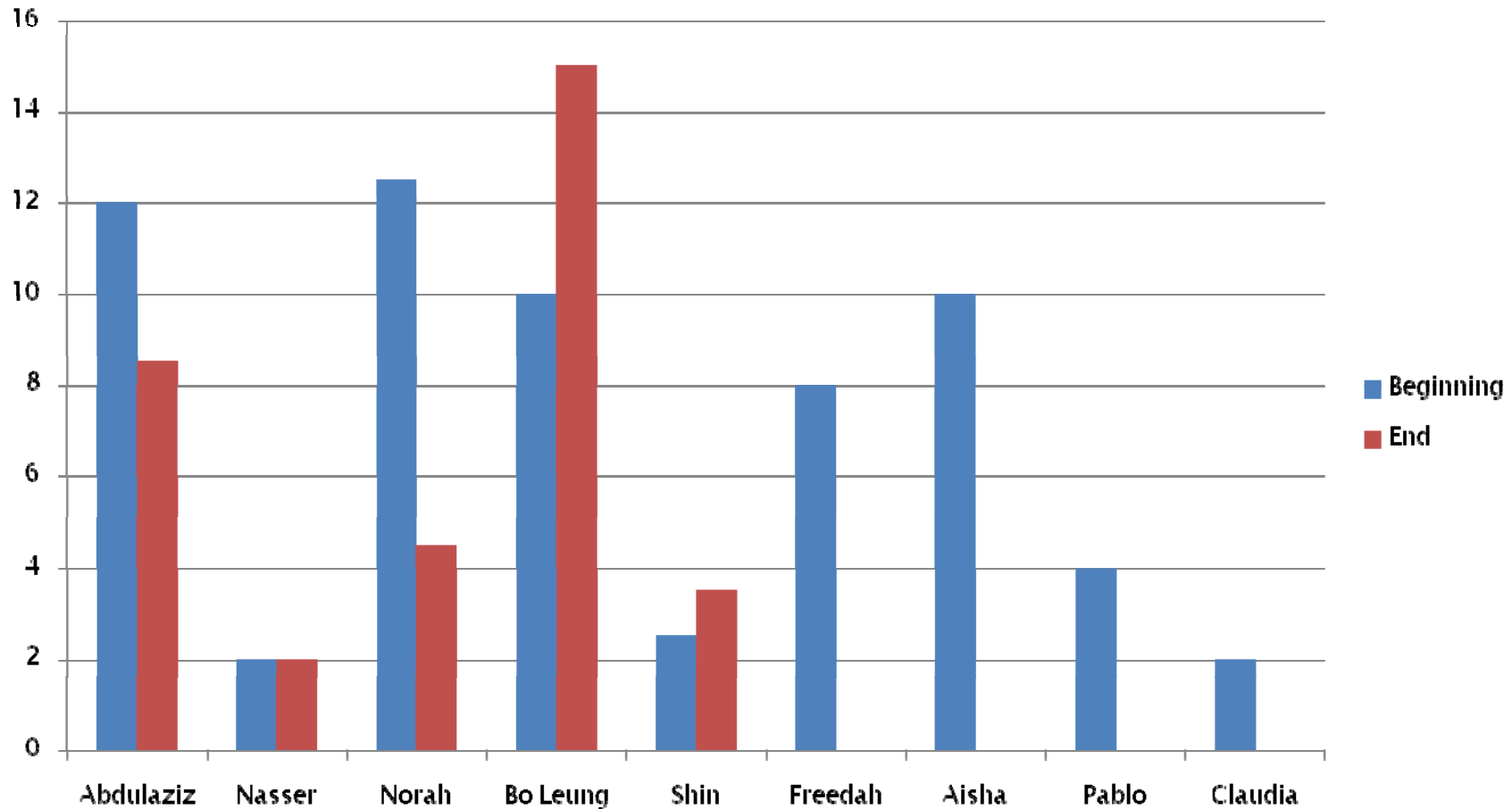
Results: Selected Quotes

- ▶ *I have to read IELTS text than read magazine or any entertainment reading*
 - ▶ *Because of difficult vocabulary, some books and articles are difficult to read, So I try to read intermediate level fiction books*
 - ▶ *sometimes the reading materials are difficult to read for me. I have so many vocabularies to find that I'll take much time*
 - ▶ *I am enjoying reading in English now. Because, I am getting used to read something in English'*
 - ▶ *When I heard about the interesting book from classmate, I want to read it'*
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Summary of hours spent reading
(per week according to reading diaries)

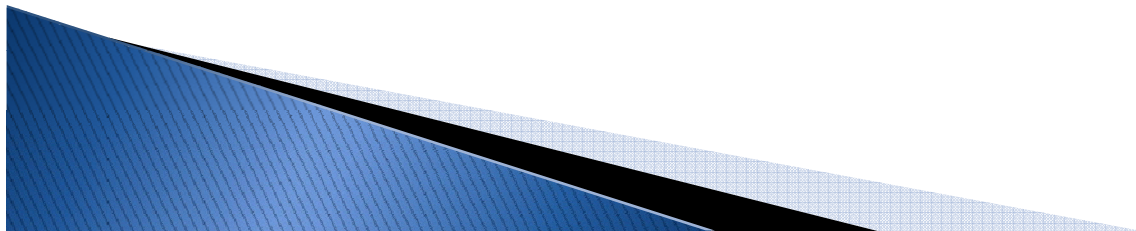


Hours spend reading (per week according to questionnaires)



Conclusion

- ▶ Did they read in their own time?
- ▶ How much reading did they do?
- ▶ What prevented them from reading?
- ▶ Did they read more as the course progressed?
- ▶ Did the classroom material have an effect?



Recommendations

- ▶ IELTS/USEPT
 - ▶ Classroom Libraries
 - ▶ Online Articles
 - ▶ Vocabulary
 - ▶ Time for reading (homework or classroom)
 - ▶ In summary: draw students' attention to free-time reading in the classroom
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