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## Extensive Reading

Indian Education Commission, 1966 has immensely emphasised extensive reading. It is also called 'Rapid Reading' or 'Independent Silent Reading'. Extensive reading means:

- (a) to read silently.
- (b) to read quickly.
- (c) to understand the subject matter and meaning as quickly as possible.
- (d) to read without the help of the teacher and
- (e) to read to convert words into passive vocabulary.

## Aims of Extensive Reading

The main aims of extensive reading are as follows:

(i) To develop an intellect, i.e., to understand the meaning as quickly as possible.

(ii) To increase passive vocabulary.

(iii) To develop a taste for reading. According to Thompson and Wyatt, "The main purpose of extensive reading is the civilization of a taste for reading - by encouraging the habit of visualizing what is read and to make reading a form of visual."

instruction."

(IV) To inculcate a habit of reading for pleasure and profit.

(V) According to Laurie, "The object is to get the book into the memory as living material which the children can use."

(VI) According to O. Jespersen, "the main point is for the pupils to be occupied with the text repeatedly in such a way that they do not lose sight of the meaning so that they may thus become so familiar with it that at last they know it almost or entirely by heart without having been directly required to commit it to memory."

(VII) To concentrate upon subject - matter.