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Why Do I Read?

When I had time at evenings or at weekends, I would make time for reading books. No matter what kind of book it is, if it intrigued me I would read it. A few years ago I fortunately found a pair of textbooks which were used by my wife in university. They are collections of various articles, such as short novels, travelling blogs, scientific papers, playwrights and so forth. A prominent professor in a ~~prestigeous~~ language university wrote these books. They were the first Englsih books I have read. Some of the articles are easy without too many academic words while some of them, which are written for the readers with professional knowledge in English literature, are envitably difficult to assimulate. As I have learnt more and more, I could understand them gradually.

***Improved by my tutor***

....which were used by my wife in the university.

prestigious (spelling)

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***Revised by me***

Reading Books

When I had time at evenings or at weekends, I always read books. Although I was utterly exhausted after a daily grinding work, I felt relaxed and thereuputic when reading a book. In such a fast-paced world it is casarstic to slow down to do something in an unhurried manner. Most of the time I read English books. One reason is that I am able to read them. Second(,) ~~is that~~ there are many highly recommended books which have not been translated into Chinese. The last reason is that I can improve my English since I am preparing for an IELTS examination.

A few years ago, I coincidently found two textbooks which used by my wife, who majored English in the university. They are collections of various topics of English articles, like novels, news reports, scientific papers, playwrghts and so forth. Some of them were easy to read; others were difficult due to academic vocabulary. Sometimes I counsulted a dictionary to fully assimilate them. Slowly but gradually, I have make significant progress after months.

A prominent professor in a prestigious foreign language university in China edited them for students. Another Chinese Doctor name(d) WuFeng, who had used these books when he was a student, had an online course to use them as textbooks. The editor of the books was invited as a special guest to guide readers. I learned from them when I was studying for a(n) English degree. Though I decided not to continue my study for English because all the students have to master English literature to pass all the examinations, I have continued learning ~~using~~ English ever since. The Doctor, Mr. Wu, said it was ridiculously difficult and was not necessary. ‘Not all the students will not or don’t have to become speciallists ~~for~~(on) English literature; it is a job for native speakers. And he added, ‘English is a tool. ‘ I wholeheartedly agree with him. We even don’t know much about Chinese literature, not to mention (that of) foreign countries. Our aim is to express ourselves with fluent and natural English or Chinese. It is absolutely unrealistic for all the students to write essays with metphors or utterly complicated sentences like what famous talented writers did. Writing plain and proper English is enough.

***Errors***

in the evenings or on weekends

grinding daily work

therapeutic

“I felt relaxed and thereuputic when reading a book.”  
It is not proper or natural to say that someone feels therapeutic.   
It should be “it was therapeutic to read a book and I felt relaxed.”

cathartic

Second, there are many...

which were used by...

majored in English at University

playwright (x): It means a person who writes plays for theatre, televison or radio.  
screenplay : the words that are written for a film or a movie, toghther with instructions of how it is to be acted and to be filmed

consulted

have made

offered an online course

in fluent English

metaphors

***The second edition***

When I have time in the evenings or on weekends, I always read printed books. Although I was utterly exhausted after grinding daily work, it was therapeutic to read books. In such a fast-paced world, it was a cathartic experience to slow down to read physical books. I perfer to read English books rather than Chinese ones. The first reason is that I have already read considerable number of Chinese books. Second, there are substantial number of English ones which are excellent and highly recommanded. Furthermore, a large proportion of them have not been translated into Chinese yet. Though some of them had been interpreted to Chinese, it is acknowledged that we can only appreciate a book in its orginal language. The last reason is that I can improve my English at the same time. One stone two birds.

***Improved by Grammarly***

\*\*Reading Books\*\*

In the evenings and on weekends, I always make time to read books. Despite feeling utterly exhausted from a long day at work, I find reading to be relaxing and therapeutic. In our fast-paced world, it’s refreshing to slow down and engage in something at an unhurried pace. Most of the time, I read English books for a few reasons. Firstly, I can understand them, and secondly, there are many highly recommended books that haven’t been translated into Chinese. Lastly, reading in English helps me improve my skills, especially as I am preparing for the IELTS examination.

A few years ago, I coincidentally discovered two textbooks that my wife used during her English major in university. These books contain a collection of various types of English articles, including novels, news reports, scientific papers, playwrights, and more. Some articles were easy to read, while others were difficult due to their academic vocabulary, prompting me to consult a dictionary to fully grasp the material. Slowly but steadily, I have made significant progress over the months.

These textbooks were edited by a prominent professor at a prestigious foreign language university in China. Additionally, a Chinese doctor named Wu Feng, who used these books when he was a student, offered an online course using them as textbooks. The editor of the books was invited as a special guest to guide readers through the content. I learned a great deal from them while studying for my English degree. Although I decided not to continue my studies in English due to the need to master English literature to pass all the examinations, I have continued to learn using English ever since. Dr. Wu mentioned that mastering English literature is ridiculously difficult and not necessary for all students. He stated, "Not all students need to become specialists in English literature; that is a job for native speakers." I wholeheartedly agree. Even in our own language, many of us know little about Chinese literature, let alone foreign literature. Our goal is to express ourselves fluently and naturally in English or Chinese. It is unrealistic to expect all students to write essays with intricate metaphors or complex sentences like those crafted by talented writers. Writing clear and proper English is sufficient.