

27. 読書の重要性(1)：構造理解

Even with the hard work and caring of many dedicated teachers and concerned parents,
the U.S. continues to have a reading problem.

According to the National Center for Educational Information,
38 percent of fourth grade students cannot read and understand a short paragraph
of the type found in a simple children's book.

Results from a 1998 study showed that 60 percent of U.S. teenagers could comprehend specific facts,
but fewer than 5 percent could elaborate on the meanings of the material read.

No wonder many parents are discouraged, but they needn't be.

By doing simple things like reading to their child,
sharing their thinking about what they read, and telling their child stories,
they can help develop the foundation needed for children to become good readers
and learn that reading is not a chore but a lifetime adventure.
