

READING LOG

The title of what you read	Date	What is the story/news about? (The summary)	New vocabulary	Personal opinions
First star I see Tonight	18/10/2025	In Switzerland, a scientist called Dr. Tomas Streyer begins a large experiment with a particle accelerator. Just when he commences, the sky turns totally black in a period of more than 16 minutes. Though daylight returns, we can no longer see the stars in the sky and this brings fear and panic to the world. People accuse Tomas and can say that he stole the stars. Tomas tells him that he did not rob the stars, he just experimented with them and they became invisible. He is taken to trial and dispatched to work at a telescope in Chile. During decades, he observes the stars, the moon, and the lonely night sky and examines what took place. The first star, Alpha Centauri, is now visible almost nine years later. Tomas is extremely delighted and the stars gradually come back indicating that his idea was right.	. Dispatch (v): sent, assigned, or completed. . Accelerator (n): A device or substance that speeds up a process.	I think this story shows how scientific experiments can have unexpected consequences, and how patience and perseverance are important.
The devil's in the details	25/10/2025	Victoria was struggling with debt after losing her sister. While Victoria is rushing to her work, there was a mysterious man appeared in front of her door. This mysterious guy knew everything	. Eternity (n): forever, or an infinite amount of time.	Personally, this story interested me because it reminded me of my childhood. Whenever I faced difficulties, I always wished a mysterious person would come to help me, but it never happened. In the story,

		about her, even her name. He offered her a strange deal, which was an extra year of life or more happiness in exchange for eternity. Victoria was trying to escape from this guy; however, he kept floating and following her, and he even knew Victoria sister's past accident. Before disappeared, he gave her a card, leaving Victoria shocked and confused.		Victoria received help even though she didn't expect it. If only my childhood could be as lucky as Victoria.
The History of Facebook and How it was invented	01/11/2025	Facebook was invented by Mark Zuckerberg, and his Havard classmates. The ideas originated from Facemash, which is a controversial website that allows to rate each other's photos. After Facemash was shutdown, Mark Zuckerberg launched TheFacebook; however, it has limitations, which is for Havard students only. The platform gradually expanded to other universities and eventually became the world's most popular social network.	. Controversial (v): causing disagreement or public debate; something that people argue about.	This article really surprised me. As a Computer Science student, it inspires me to confidently develop my own software since even Mark Zuckerberg, who is the owner of Facebook, also started from scratch.
History and Evolution of Dart Programming Language	08/11/2025	Dart is one of the famous programming languages, that can be used for both web development and mobile development. It was developed by Google to address limitations in web development in	. Cross-platform (n): software that can run on multiple operating system or devices. . IoT (Internet of Things) (n): devices	I didn't know that the first version of dart was built for web development. I have been learning this programming language for 2 months already and just realize this.

		2008 and was publicly announce in 2011. After the release of Flutter in 2018, Dart became the primary language for building cross-platform mobile, web, and desktop applications.	connected to the internet that can send and receive data.	
How WeChat Dominates China's Digital Landscape	15/11/2025	WeChat, which launched in 2011 by Tencent, began as a simple messaging app and eventually becomes China's all-in-one super app with over a billion monthly users. Nowadays, Chinese citizens considered WeChat as their essential app for their daily life since it offered services like WeChat Pay for payment, WeChat Moments and Mini Programs that let businesses reach customers within the app. This integration of communication, commerce, and social features has made WeChat a central platform in China's digital ecosystem.	. Cashless society (n): a society where payments are made digitally instead of with cash. . Super app (n): an app that provided many services in one place.	After the launched of DeepSeek, I became interested in Chinese technology. This development of WeChat impressed me and inspired me a lot.
Iron and Gold	22/11/2025	John and Patrick were best friends who chose different paths in life. While John went to the city and became a rich treasurer in the kingdom, Patrick traveled beyond the mountains and became a blacksmith. Before they separated,	. Treasurer (n): an official responsible for managing and safeguarding financial resources.	I really love this fiction novel since it mirrors my own story. This novel highlights how people fulfill their dreams in different ways, and the friendship remains the same no matter how different lives are. As we can see in this novel it mentioned that after ten-

		<p>they promised to meet again after ten years. After ten years, John was surprised to see Patrick's rough hands, while his own hands were soft. Their lives were quite different since John lived in a big mansion with gold and fancy food but had many duties, while Patrick had a simple home and worked with iron, but he was happy with his job. In the end, even though their lives were significantly different, their friendship remained the same as before.</p>		<p>year John and Patrick's lives are different, but their friendship remains the same. The story teaches us that true happiness is about achieving personal goals and meaningful work, rather than wealth or luxury. It also points out the value of hard work, and the importance of respecting someone's life choices. It reminds us that friendships are about respect and shared experiences not money or success.</p>
The Happy Prince	29/11/2025	<p>The Happy Prince is a story by Oscar Wilde about a statue of a prince who was cared for by his father and was sheltered during his life. After his death, the prince's statue is placed in a city where he sees the poverty around him. There were swallows resting under the statue. Suddenly, he asks a swallow to give away his gold and jewels to help the poor. The</p>	<p>. Afterlife (n): life believed to exist after death</p>	<p>After reading The Happy Prince, I realized the importance of selflessness and the idea that true worth comes from actions, not appearances. In the story, the prince who once lived in a luxury place discovered that there are many poor people in the village after his death. He and the swallow have the idea to bring the gold and the jewels that covered his statue to people who are poor, even though he knew that the</p>

		<p>swallow accepts the request from the prince, and gives away everything the statue has. When the people of the city discover that the statue is no longer beautiful, they melted it down. However, the prince and the swallow are rewarded in the afterlife. The story ends with the angel in the heavens rewarded the prince and the swallow for their selflessness. The story highlights themes of charity, selflessness, and the importance of helping those in need.</p>		<p>statue would be melted once the jewels and golds were gone. This story taught me that true value is not measured by appearance or status, but it is about the kindness and sacrifices we make for others.</p>
The Hitchhiker	6/12/2025	<p>The Hitchhiker is a story about a man driving his new car to London. On the way to London, he picks up a hitchhiker. As they chat, the driver becomes more curious about the hitchhiker's background. The driver starts going very fast to show off how fast his car is. A police officer stops them and gives the driver a warning. The officer also writes down the driver's name and address. After the police leave, the hitchhiker tells the driver that he is a "Fingersmith" which means that</p>	<p>. Hitchhiker (n): a person who travels by asking strangers for free rides</p>	<p>After reading the Hitchhiker by Roald Dahl shows that people are not always what they seem. Even though the hitchhiker's appearance is not impressive, he is clever and skilled. The story reminded us not to judge others too quickly and shows how talent can come in many forms. It also compares two types of people: the police officer who uses power, and the hitchhiker who uses clever thinking. The ending is funny and surprising, which makes the story enjoyable and gives us a good lesson.</p>

		<p>he is a very skilled pickpocket. He shows the driver that he stole the police officer's notebook, pen, and even the ticket book while the officer wasn't looking. The driver is shocked but also impressed. They keep driving and laughing together.</p>		
The Rain came	13/12/2025	<p>The story is about a village that was suffering from a big drought. The chief, who is Oganda's father, said that the ancestors chose a girl with fair skin, a gold ring on her ear, and a golden chain around her waist. The only way to save the village from the drought is that the chief needs to sacrifice his beloved daughter in order to bring the rain. Even though her father and mother were heartbroken, they agreed. The villagers celebrated Oganda's sacrifice, but Oganda felt sad and betrayed. She thought about her love once, which is Osinda. In the morning, Oganda left the village to go to the lake where she would be sacrificed, while the villagers prayed for rain and remembered her bravery.</p>	. Chief (n): the leader or head of a tribe or community	<p>After reading The Rain came, I realized how hard the situation is when someone must choose between personal happiness and the needs of others. The story highlights how Oganda's family loves her, and how strong tradition could make people do things they don't want to. I felt sad for Oganda because she had dreams of love and a future, but she had to give up everything for the village. It made me think that sometimes it is so unfair to sacrifice ourselves just for the needs of others.</p>
Ministry of National Defense:	19/12/2025	The Ministry of National Defense of Cambodia reported ongoing	. Territorial integrity (n.ph): The state of a	I feel deep sorrow and sympathy for the innocent civilians who have lost their

For 13 days, Thai army's aggression against Cambodia has been brutal and has caused a high level of damage to civilians		<p>Thai Military aggression along the Cambodian-Thai border, particularly in Military Zones 4 and 5, December 19, 2025. The Thai forces have repeatedly violated the ceasefire and the Joint statement on the Peach Agreement signed on October 26, 2025. Thailand has used drone attacks on Ta Moan Temple, Thma Da, PreyChan, and Banteay Mean Rith villages. They also used heavy weapons such as warplanes, warships, cluster bombs, poison gas, and drones. 18 Cambodian civilians have been killed and 79 others injured. Moreover, Cambodia accuses Thailand of spreading misinformation to justify its aggression. Cambodia reaffirms its right to self-defense and its commitment to protect its territorial integrity and people at all cost.</p>	<p>country's land being whole and damaged</p> <p>. Sovereign territory (n): Land that belongs to a country and is under its control</p> <p>. Distortions (n): Misleading or false information</p>	lives due to Thailand's attacks. At the same time, I really honor and admire our brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives to protect our sovereign territory.
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