

# Reading Practice

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## 1 Goals

The goals of this activity are:

1. To give students practice with reading the textbook.

## 2 Materials

For this activity you will need:

1. Textbook

## 3 Instructions

This activity can take between 20 and 40 minutes.

1. Form groups of about 4 students, and ask students to read a section of the textbook. Motivate the reading by mentioning that it what they might have to read the textbook if they miss lecture. Mention the availability of various online resources.
2. As students work on the reading, visit each group to answer any questions they may have, reiterating tips for reading well.
3. Use a method to immediately provide feedback to students about whether they understood the reading: ask students to rewrite solutions to older problems using new language learnt, or apply the theorems to examples, or get students to jigsaw.

## 4 Tips

1. Acknowledge that it might be hard to read together!
2. For a 20 students class, jigsaw works as follows: Break students up into 4 groups of 5. Each group reads and learns about one of four sections of the book. Then shuffle students into 5 groups of 4, where they'll teach 3 people about the section they just learned.
3. You can give students a task to do while they read, like coming up with their own example.