

# The Extensive Reading Foundation



The **Extensive Reading Foundation** (ERF) is a not-for-profit, charitable educational organization. Our purpose is to support and promote Extensive Reading.





Each year, we organize the **Language Learner Literature Awards**. The Awards recognize the best readers published that year. There are categories for both adolescents/ adults and younger learners.

We also sponsor workshops and presentations in many countries. We have established libraries in several countries including Nepal, Thailand, Mexico, and India.

The ERF has affiliate organizations and interest groups, which organize workshops, conference sessions and other events. The growing list of groups includes those in Indonesia, Japan, Korea, the Middle East/North Africa and Vietnam.

Visit [www.erfoundation.org](http://www.erfoundation.org) for news, handouts, links, etc.

Visit the **Indonesian Extensive Reading Association** at [www.iera-extensivereading.id](http://www.iera-extensivereading.id), and on

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## Q: How did you learn to read?



## A: *By reading!*

**The why and how of Extensive Reading**

## What is Extensive Reading?

Extensive Reading (**ER**) means people are reading a lot. They are reading quickly. The main purpose is for understanding and enjoyment.

In order to read quickly, they need to read easy books or other reading material. That builds speed which, in turn, builds understanding, enjoyment and fluency.

**ER** increases reading skills, speed and understanding.

**ER** builds vocabulary.

**ER** expands grammar knowledge.

**ER** develops listening and speaking ability.

**ER** correlates with improvement on tests like the TOEIC.

**ER** increases student enjoyment of reading.

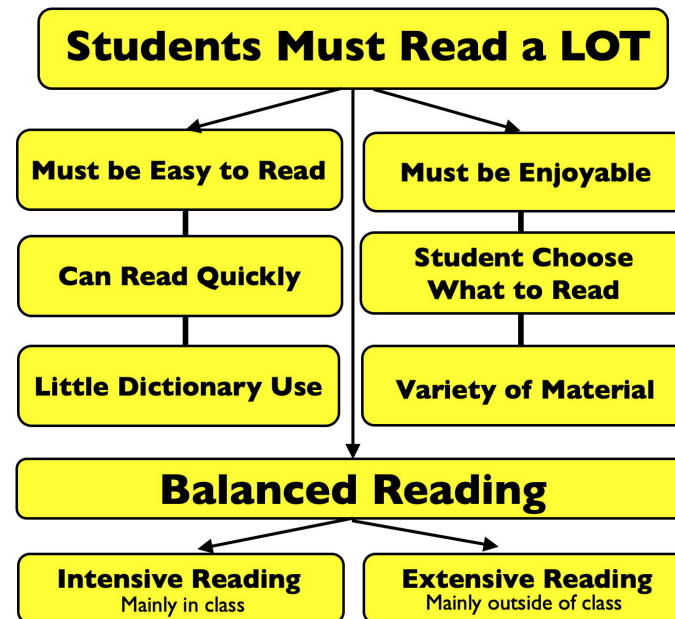


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<http://erfoundation.org/wordpress/evidence/>

## The “how” of Extensive Reading:

Of course, different situations require different solutions. But these ideas are usually true about most ER programs.

### Extensive Reading



### Want to check how much your students are reading?

The free website **[www.mreader.org](http://www.mreader.org)**, which has quizzes for over 6500 graded readers, is a great resource.

### No books? No problem!

The fee-based site **<https://xreading.com/>** provides students with unlimited access to over 600 graded readers, including audio narrations and quizzes.

