

Expanding Your Advanced Reading Skills

As you become more and more proficient in your target language, you should push the boundaries of what you are capable of reading and how to read. We will continue to build those skills here.

1. Identification

Read the three passages I have provided, and answer the following for each:

Passage 1:

Who is the audience?

How is language used to express the key ideas?

Are there any other identifying features to help you describe the genre?

Passage 2:

Who is the audience?

How is language used to express the key ideas?

Are there any other identifying features to help you describe the genre?

Passage 3:

Who is the audience?

How is language used to express the key ideas?

Are there any other identifying features to help you describe the genre?

2. Selection

Now, it is your turn to find your own reading materials about a topic in which you are interested. Using the guidelines below, research various possible reading passages and select three as your main focus using the guidelines below:

- Reading passages should represent three distinct genres
- All readings should be in the target language
- Reading passages should all be about the same topic.

Once you have selected your readings, describe the following:

1. Why did you select the three readings you did?
2. Describe each of the passages by completing the table below.

Reading Title & Genre	Audience & Distinguishing Language Characteristics	Main ideas

3. Reflection

After reading your passages, write a blog entry in which you:

- summarize the current thinking around your topic, as reflected in your readings
- offer three new ideas to the discussion