

Reading Lesson

B1+ Services: Being Illiterate in the Modern World

Summary: The text describes the situation of illiteracy around the world and how developing countries have been solving illiteracy.

Time: Approximately 40 minutes

Skills: Reading, Writing, Speaking

Language focus: Vocabulary

Materials needed: One worksheet per student

Reading

Encourage students to give possible answers to the question before reading the text. Have students read the text and answer the question. Ask them to compare their previous opinions with the information given.

Key:

Improving literacy improves the life of people because it gives them access to education and to better opportunities in life.

Vocabulary**Key:**

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. e 5. c

Comprehension**Key:**

1. a 2. c 3. b 4. c 5. b

Thinking

Then have students respond to the question in small group discussion or in writing.

Extension

You may like to ask students to make a list of all the things they do each day which require more than basic literacy. They can then discuss how big an effect on their lives they think being illiterate would have. Have a class discussion about the illiteracy situation in their country. Invite students to share their ideas on how to solve the illiteracy in their country.