

Theme 2

Unit 1 Goodbye, School!

1 Read the information below, then discuss questions a, b and c in groups.

At university or college, students are expected to read a variety of texts much more quickly than at school. So they need to develop strategies to bring their reading up to speed.

- a** Do you read quickly or slowly?
- b** What problems do you have when reading in English?
- c** What are your strategies for dealing with new vocabulary?



2 Listen to the short talk about types of reading. As you listen, complete the table below.

Reading speed per minute	Type of reading	Example
Below 100 words	close reading	reading a
Between 100 and 250 words	purposes	studying textbooks and learning
Between 250 and 400 words	or reading	when we read and
Above 400 words		getting the of an

3 Read the procedure below about timing a reading text. You need a timing device which shows minutes and seconds.

- 1.** Look quickly through the text. Read the heading, sub-headings and look at any pictures that can help you understand it.
- 2.** Check the time, then read the text as fast as you can.
- 3.** When you have finished, check the time again. Note down how long it took you to read the text.
- 4.** Answer the comprehension questions to check your understanding.
- 5.** Divide the number of words in the text by the time it took you to read it. This is your reading score.