Our kids aren't good readers

Develop your vocabulary skills using the analysed words from the previous English lesson.
*Use online dictionaries (e.g. **Cambridge Dictionary**) to see the meaning of these words and translate if necessary.*

expand	engage	literacy	emphasize	fiction	promote	require	significant	claim	excels

1. Complete the situations below with the correct words from the box. You do not need to change the forms.

1. The school wants to _____ healthy eating, so they organize a "Fruit and Veggie Week." Students can try smoothies, salads, and snacks. Posters around the school show why eating healthy is good for everyone.

2. During an English lesson, the teacher uses a role-play activity to help students _____ with the text. Instead of just reading, they act out the story and discuss how the characters feel, which makes the lesson exciting.

3. When the school football team won the regional championship, it was a _____ achievement. Everyone felt proud because it was the first time the team had ever reached that level.

4. The local library wants to _____ its collection of books. It asks students for suggestions, so teenagers recommend adding more graphic novels, science-fiction stories, and books about social media.

5. A company advertises a new energy drink with the _____ that it makes students concentrate better during exams. However, teachers and doctors question whether this statement is really true or just a marketing trick.

6. Joining the school orchestra will _____ regular practice. Students need to come to rehearsals twice a week and also practice at home if they want to be ready for the concert.

7. In her speech, the head teacher wanted to _____ the importance of respecting each other, especially online. She repeated the message several times so that everyone would remember it.

8. Isabell may not be the best in sports, but she really _____ in science. She often wins competitions and helps others understand experiments in class.

9. The school organizes a "Reading Challenge" to improve students' _____. Everyone has to read three books in a month, and then they talk about them in small groups.

10. In the library, some students prefer reading _____, such as mystery or adventure stories, while others choose non-fiction books like biographies or history texts.

Here's another list with some useful words from the same article. Check them first and then move on with the task.

identify	common	conversations	suffered	however	loss	compare	obtaining	critiques	speculate

2. Read the text and fill in the text with the missing words from the table. You do not need to change the forms.

In recent years, many students have [1] _____ from shorter attention spans when reading, and teachers often [2] _____ this generation with those from the past. Twenty years ago, young people read more books for fun, while today many spend their free time on social media or watching videos. Researchers try to [3] _____ the causes, and one [4] _____ reason is that quick online content makes traditional books seem slow, less interesting and not that appealing.

Schools and families also play a part in this trend. One researcher often [5] _____ school programs, saying they do not encourage enough independent reading. [6] _____, others argue that technology and modern lifestyles are more responsible. Families sometimes focus on [7] _____ new books for their children, while regular [8] _____ about reading at home can also inspire motivation.

At the same time, specialists continue to [9] _____ about the future. If young people avoid books now, will they struggle at university or in jobs that require strong literacy skills? What seems clear is that the [10] _____ of regular reading habits may damage not only individuals but also society's overall literacy level.

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