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A study was \_\_\_\_\_ out by researchers from Yale University in the USA. The researchers said reading keeps the mind \_\_\_\_\_, helps \_\_\_\_\_ stress and makes us take better \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_. The researchers said that books help the \_\_\_\_\_ more than \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, but any kind of reading will help us to live \_\_\_\_\_. Even reading for \_\_\_\_\_ an hour a day could help us to live longer. In the study, researchers looked at the \_\_\_\_\_ of 3,500 men and women over a 12-year \_\_\_\_\_. They looked at their reading \_\_\_\_\_, health, lifestyle and their \_\_\_\_\_. All of the people were at \_\_\_\_\_ 50 years old at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the research.

The study is in the \_\_\_\_\_ 'Social Science and Medicine'. It found that people who read for \_\_\_\_\_ 3.5 hours a \_\_\_\_\_ were 17 percent less likely to die \_\_\_\_\_ the study's 12-year research period than \_\_\_\_\_ who read no books. Those who read for \_\_\_\_\_ than 3.5 hours a week were 23 percent less likely to die. Researcher Becca Levy said: " \_\_\_\_\_ individuals, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, health, \_\_\_\_\_ or education, showed the survival \_\_\_\_\_ of reading books." She suggested people \_\_\_\_\_ watching TV for reading to live longer. She said: " \_\_\_\_\_ over the age of 65 spend an average of 4.4 hours per day watching \_\_\_\_\_. Efforts to redirect \_\_\_\_\_ time into reading books could prove to be \_\_\_\_\_."