READING CONTENT STANDARD LEVEL 3 Adult learners will read with a deeper understanding of a variety of written material.

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3.3.1 Use word structure, sentence structure, and prediction to aid in decoding words and understanding the meanings of words encountered in text.	 Decode and understand words found in a simplified newspaper. Identify and correctly read homonyms and synonyms within a text. Read and comprehend a short passage with new vocabulary and structures. 			
3.3.2 Use structural, semantic, and syntactic cues to recognize and decode words.	 Use the rules for syllabication to decode words. Complete a vocabulary quiz. Play word games like Boggle and Scrabble. Play a match game identifying the correct meaning of multi-meaning words from a reading selection. Identify base/root words. 			
3.3.3 Automatically recognize frequently encountered words with increasing fluency.	Read timed passages.Read orally and silently			
3.3.4 Know the meanings of frequently encoun- tered words in grade level reading and oral language contexts.	 Play match game with vocabulary words and meanings. Choose correct meaning in a multiple-choice exercise. Use new vocabulary words in sentences. 			
3.3.5 Acquire and apply strategies to construct meaning, self-mon- itor, and identify unknown words or word parts.	 Determine the meaning of words and phrases in context. Self monitor and correct a narrative text. Use a thesaurus. 			
3.3.6 Increase reading fluency	 Take a timed reading test. Engage actively in reading a variety of genre. Analyze characters' thoughts and motivation through dialogue. Read a selection from a play aloud with meaningful expression. 			
3.3.7 Read a variety of nar- rative genres.	 Identify and describe the difference between two selections. Explain how authors use literary devices, such as metaphors and similes. Read poetry, myths, fantasy & adventure. Retell and summarize narrative text. 			

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3.3.9 Explain how authors enhance understanding of supporting and key ideas.	• Understand the use of appendices, headings and subheadings, marginal notes, keys and legends, and figures and bibliographies.			
3.3.10 Do independent reading and writing.	 Keep a reading log. Keep a reading journal describing personal reactions to each piece read. Journal with a partner. Read three selections a month from a variety of genres. 			
3.3.11 Analyze how characters and communities reflect life in classic and contemporary literature.	 Compare and contrast two literary pieces. Describe three ways life is reflected through a character. Relate the character and community to your own life. 			
3.3.12 Develop critical thinking skills to assess written text.	 Learn components of critical thinking skills. Use critical thinking skills to answer questions about a newspaper article, a poem, a short story, etc. 			