# Learner Resource 9

A really good way to increase your chances of doing well in the exam is to read widely. The more texts you read, the more able you will be to process the unseen texts given to you in the exam situation. There is a huge range of books out there, available as hard copies or in electronic form, and whatever you are interested in, you can guarantee that thousands of books will have been written about it. Below are some tips for developing your reading:

* Try to set aside time each day to read. Even ten to twenty minutes a day will soon add up
* Make use of trapped time, e.g. on journeys/in waiting rooms wherever possible
* Try to notice the techniques that writers use, as well as enjoying the story. These may be useful to you in your own writing!
* There are lots of ways of looking up unfamiliar vocabulary very quickly – make use of them!

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