

IMPORTANCE OF ACADEMIC READING SKILLS FOR THE FIRST YEAR ENGINEERING STUDENTS

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ABSTRACT

Since last forty years and so, reading skills attracts the attention of educationalists, teachers, researchers and students due to its role in academic achievements and success in one's life. There lies a mutual relationship between student's academic success and mastery over the reading skills. However, it is found out that sometimes students, as well as teachers, take this basic skills for granted and adopted only surface approach towards reading skills and academic reading materials. This paper aims to clear the importance of teaching reading skills for the first year engineering students and explain the need and role played by reading skills in student's life and academic success and how to achieve it.

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