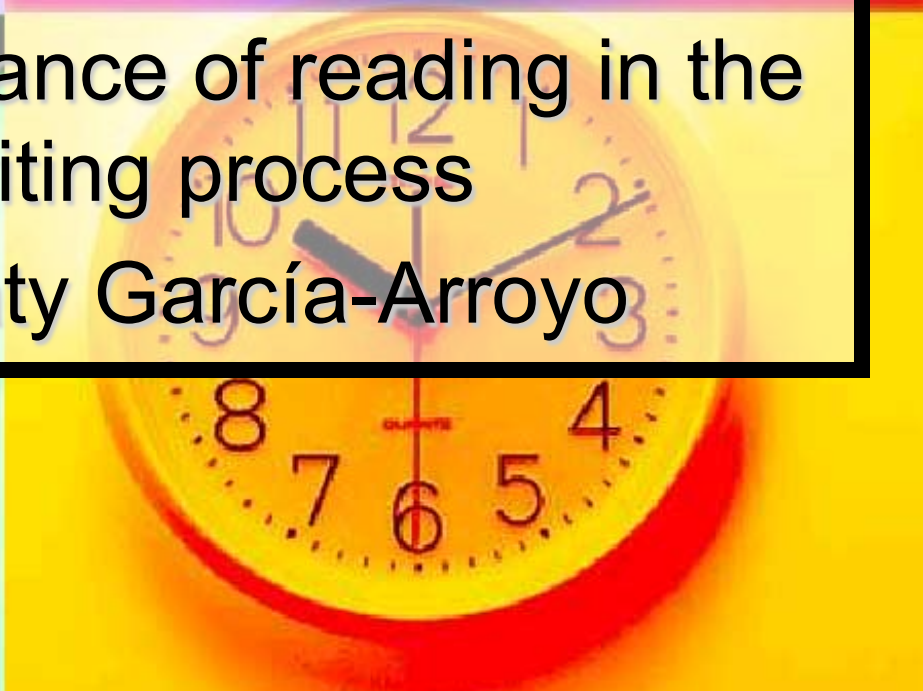


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The reading-writing connection

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The importance of reading in the writing process

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Understanding the relationship between reading and writing is important to become a better reader and writer!



The importance of reading in writing



Writing is reinforced by:

- Talking
- Listening
- Reading





- When we read, we get ideas that can help us to start writing.
- By reading, we can document better what we are writing about.
- When we read, we learn new vocabulary that is meaningful.
- By reading we learn grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

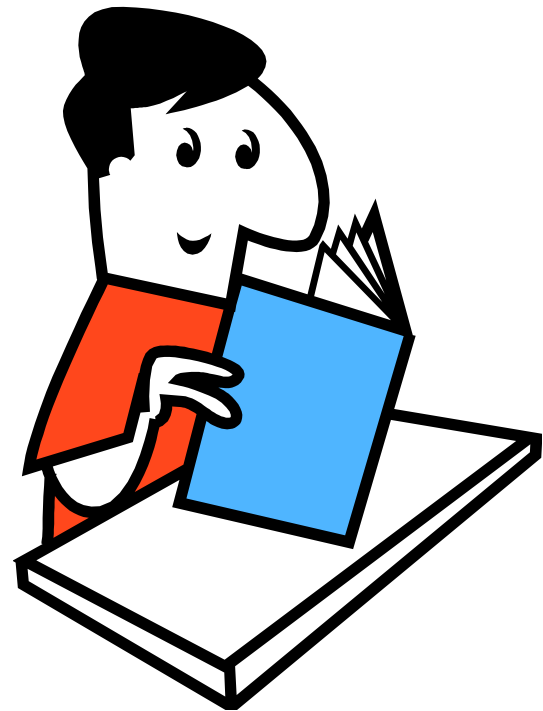
Reading while we are writing

- You need to remember that you should read several times what you write before it is turned in for others to read.
- Reading your work helps you to discover new ideas, new directions, and better ways of saying your ideas.



Reading aloud

- In other words, reading our own texts allow us to revise and rewrite.



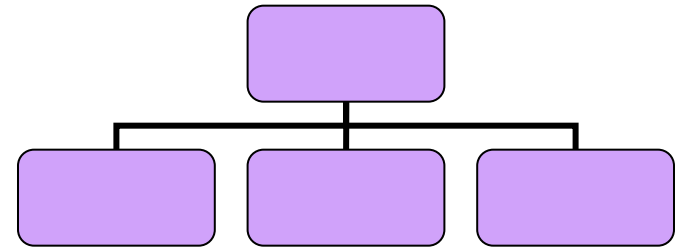
Others can also read to us what we have written.

- We can hear our writing.
- We can detect gaps or flaws in our writing.
- We can detect grammatical errors.



Reading aloud also helps us identify paragraphs or sentences that are not connected to the main idea of our paper:

- Remember the importance of cohesive devices. For instance, using a word such as, **However**, tells your readers that you are introducing a contradiction to the previous point you have made.



The reader has to think of the writer and the writer has to think of the reader.






Reading involves constructing meaning, and writing involves constructing meaning.
Reading and writing are thinking processes.

Reading and writing

- Reading and writing are not solitary acts. Sometimes by sharing we can process a text better or we can write a text better.





A variety of writing tools help process a reading.

- Reading logs
- Learning logs (response journals)
- Graphic organizers
- Note-taking
- Summarizing



Writing is an opportunity for students to analyze and explore the meaning of texts read.

Writing can be used to discover meaning and to understand and communicate meaning to others.

Better writers tend to be better readers.

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Writing can be seen as a scaffold
(support) to process a text.



Reading can be seen as a scaffold to write.



Therefore, it is important to remember to read while we write and to write while we read.

