

**We remember things best**  
when they are organized  
with everything else we  
know, when they come **with**  
**stories attached**, rather than  
as isolated bits of  
information. *Frank Smith, Reading FAQ*

**New words are learned  
with remarkable facility,  
especially in stories,  
when you are reading  
something that makes  
sense to you.** ■ *Frank Smith, Reading FAQ*

Picking up word meanings by reading is 10 times faster than intensive vocabulary instruction.

—*Stephen Krashen*

Teaching vocabulary  
lists is inefficient—  
the time is better  
spent reading alone.

—*Stephen Krashen*

**People acquiring a  
second language  
have the best  
chance for success  
through reading.**

*—Stephen Krashen*

**Incidental learning of words  
during reading may be the  
easiest and single most  
powerful means of  
promoting large-scale  
vocabulary growth.**

*W.E. Nagy & P.A. Herdman*

*Quoted in Extended Reading in the Foreign Language Classroom*

There is overwhelming research showing that recreational reading in a second language is a powerful means of improving grammar, vocabulary, spelling and writing ability — and it is far more efficient and far more pleasant than traditional instruction.

— Stephen Krashen, PhD

Ultimately, the purpose of literature is to provide meaning in our lives.

-Jim Trelease



Literature is considered such an important medium - more than television, more than films, more than art or overhead projectors - because literature brings closest to the human heart.

-Jim Trelease

TV language is not nearly as complex as book language.

-Stephen Krashen