Using PPT to increase Reading Speed for an Academic English Course

A simple PPT Reading activity for an Academic English course using short reading exercises on Power Point can increase learners’ reading speed and comprehension.

Example 1.

In example 1 the students are shown a short article to read for two to three minutes. They are advised to take notes, then given a reading comprehension and vocabulary quiz.

I. Expanding the Activity:

A. Speaking: This reading can be expanded into a speaking activity to stimulate critical thinking skills by having students form an opinion on the topic read.

B. Fluency Speaking: Here students can express their opinions in the 4/3/2/fluency exercise developed by Maurice (1983) and noted by Nation (1989).

C. Critical Listening & Note taking: One student listens to the other student speaking and takes notes then the student listening rephrases what the speaking student has said, roles are then reversed. This activity is done separately from the above activities.

Job offers up for new high school grads

The proportion of Japanese high school students who had been promised employment by the age of 24, the average age of graduation, rose to 61.3% at the end of December 2007, hitting the highest level since 1995, an educational ministry survey has shown.

The proportion up 2.8 percentage points from a year before, grew for the fourth straight year. The figure topped the 53.6 percent level of December 2007, when the collapse of U.S. investment bank Lehman Brothers underscored the global economic slump.

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