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SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

UNIT	READING PASSAGES	KEY READING SKILLS	ADDITIONAL READING SKILLS	
1 PEOPLE <i>Academic Disciplines</i> Communications / Sociology	1 My Profile: Jeremy Lin (social media profile) 2 A Very Tall Man! (article)	Previewing	Understanding key vocabulary Skimming Scanning to find information Reading for details Taking Notes Synthesizing	
2 CLIMATE <i>Academic Disciplines</i> Meteorology / Geography	1 The Coldest City in the World (article) 2 Cuba Weather (website)	Scanning to find information Taking notes in a chart	Understanding key vocabulary Using your knowledge Previewing Reading for details Synthesizing	
3 LIFESTYLE <i>Academic Disciplines</i> Anthropology / Education	1 Meet the Kombai (book review) 2 Class schedule and email (mixed text types)	Annotating	Understanding key vocabulary Using your knowledge Predicting content using visuals Scanning to find information Reading for main ideas Previewing Reading for details Synthesizing	
4 PLACES <i>Academic Disciplines</i> Geography / History	1 A World History of Maps: Muhammad al-Idrisi's World Map (book excerpts) 2 The Maldives: An Overview (country profile)	Reading for main ideas	Understanding key vocabulary Previewing Annotating Scanning to find information Reading for details Using your knowledge Taking notes Synthesizing	

	LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT	WATCH AND LISTEN	SPECIAL FEATURES
	Family vocabulary Nouns and verbs Singular and plural nouns	Thailand’s Moken Fishermen	Critical Thinking Collaboration
	Nouns and adjectives Noun phrases	The Growing Ice Cap	Critical Thinking Collaboration
	Collocations for free-time activities Time expressions	Panama’s Kuna People	Critical Thinking Collaboration
	Superlative adjectives Noun phrases with <i>of</i> Vocabulary for places	The <i>Cenotes</i> of Mexico	Critical Thinking Collaboration

UNIT	READING PASSAGES	KEY READING SKILLS	ADDITIONAL READING SKILLS	
5 JOBS <i>Academic Disciplines</i> Business / Career Services	1 Find_my_job.com (website) 2 Emails about jobs (emails)	Reading for details	Understanding key vocabulary Using your knowledge Previewing Scanning to find information Taking notes Reading for main ideas Synthesizing	
6 HOMES & BUILDINGS <i>Discipline</i> Architecture / Engineering	1 <i>Architect's World:</i> Expert Interview (printed interview) 2 Skyscrapers: Buildings that Touch the Sky (report)	Predicting content using visuals	Understanding key vocabulary Using your knowledge Scanning to find information Reading for main ideas Reading for details Annotating Synthesizing	
7 FOOD & CULTURE <i>Academic Disciplines</i> History / Sociology	1 Tea: A World History (article) 2 10 of the Best by Cuisine (travel guide)	Taking notes	Understanding key vocabulary Using your knowledge Previewing Reading for main ideas Scanning to find information Reading for details Synthesizing	
8 TRANSPORTATION <i>Academic Disciplines</i> Engineering / Urban Planning	1 Transportation Survey (survey) 2 Transportation in Bangkok (report)	Skimming	Understanding key vocabulary Previewing Scanning to find information Reading for details Using your knowledge Reading for main ideas Annotating Synthesizing	

	LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT	WATCH AND LISTEN	SPECIAL FEATURES
	Vocabulary for jobs Adjective phrases	Utah’s Bingham Mine	Critical Thinking Collaboration
	Pronouns Vocabulary for buildings Adjectives for buildings	To Build the Tallest	Critical Thinking Collaboration
	Vocabulary for food Count and noncount nouns	Goat Cheese	Critical Thinking Collaboration
	Quantifiers Transportation collocations	Modern Subways	Critical Thinking Collaboration

INTRODUCTION

Prism Reading is a five-level reading series for beginning- to advanced-level students of North American English. Its five levels are designed to equip students with reading skills, strategies, and language needed to be successful both inside and outside of the college classroom.

Prism Reading uses a fresh approach to Critical Thinking based on a full integration of Bloom’s taxonomy to help students become well-rounded critical thinkers. Students are guided up Bloom’s framework by carefully scaffolded tasks and activities. Following each receptive task, there are critical thinking questions that help students build necessary cognitive skills. Each question is highlighted with the corresponding Bloom’s level, or cognitive domain. Each domain corresponds to measurable verbs.

Remember	Understand	Apply	Analyze	Evaluate	Create
name describe relate find list write	compare discuss restate predict translate outline	show complete use classify illustrate solve	explain contrast examine identify investigate categorize	decide rate choose recommend justify assess prioritize	create invent plan compose construct design imagine

Prism Reading focuses on the most relevant and important language for students of academic English based on comprehensive research. Key vocabulary is taken from the General Service List, the Academic Word List, and the Cambridge English Corpus. The grammar selected is also corpus-informed.

Prism Reading goes beyond language and critical thinking skills to teach students how to be successful, engaged college students both inside and outside of the classroom. Collaborative tasks extend the readings and require students to apply newly learned skills in a new, fresh scenario. Students work with their peers on culminating tasks that require them to engage deeper into the content, and their academic community.

Prism Reading combines print and digital solutions for the modern student and program. Digital home study materials build 21st-century skills through additional graded language and skills practice in the Cambridge learning platform. Video and audio resources are available to students and teachers in the same platform. Presentation Plus gives teachers modern tools to enhance their students’ learning environment in the classroom.

Prism Reading provides assessment resources for the busy teacher. Photocopiable unit quizzes and answer keys are included in the Teacher’s Manual, with downloadable PDF and Word versions available online to registered teachers.

SERIES LEVELS

Level	Description	CEFR Levels
Prism Reading Intro	Beginner	A1
Prism Reading 1	Low Intermediate	A2
Prism Reading 2	Intermediate	B1
Prism Reading 3	High Intermediate	B2
Prism Reading 4	Advanced	C1