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Teacher's Manual

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SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

UNIT	READING PASSAGES	KEY READING SKILLS	ADDITIONAL READING SKILLS
1 PLACES <i>Disciplines</i> Sociology / Urban Planning	1 Rise of the Megacities (report) 2 Homestay Vacations: A Home away from Home (online article)	Scanning for numbers Using a T-chart	Understanding key vocabulary Previewing Reading for main ideas Reading for details Scanning to find information Working out meaning Scanning to predict content Taking notes Making inferences Synthesizing
2 FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS <i>Disciplines</i> Anthropology / Cultural Studies	1 Celebrate! (article) 2 Muscat Festival: A Celebration of Omani Culture (online article)	Previewing	Understanding key vocabulary Using your knowledge Taking notes Reading for details Recognizing text type Scanning to predict content Reading for main ideas Making inferences Synthesizing
3 THE INTERNET AND TECHNOLOGY <i>Disciplines</i> Computer Science / Engineering	1 Tech Expert Today: Someone's Always Watching You Online (online article) 2 Video Games for Kids: Win, Lose, or Draw? (essay)	Reading for main ideas Making inferences	Understanding key vocabulary Scanning to predict content Reading for details Using your knowledge Taking notes Recognizing text type Synthesizing
4 WEATHER AND CLIMATE <i>Disciplines</i> Environmental Studies / Meteorology	1 Extreme Weather (book excerpt) 2 Surviving the Sea of Sand: How to Stay Alive in the Sahara Desert (article)	Reading for details Using your knowledge to predict content	Understanding key vocabulary Reading for main ideas Recognizing text type Synthesizing

	LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT	WATCH AND LISTEN	SPECIAL FEATURES
	Nouns, verbs, and adjectives	The Top U.S. City	Critical Thinking Collaboration
	Prepositions of time and place Adverbs of frequency	The Meaning of Independence Day	Critical Thinking Collaboration
	Compound nouns Giving opinions	Predictive Advertising	Critical Thinking Collaboration
	Collocations with <i>temperature</i> Describing a graph	Tornadoes	Critical Thinking Collaboration

UNIT	READING PASSAGES	KEY READING SKILLS	ADDITIONAL READING SKILLS
5 SPORTS AND COMPETITION <i>Disciplines</i> Sports Management / Sports Science	1 Five Unusual Sports (online article) 2 Tough Guy: A Race to the Limit (article)	Scanning to predict content	Understanding key vocabulary Reading for main ideas Reading for details Recognizing text type Previewing Predicting content using visuals Taking notes Understanding discourse Working out meaning Synthesizing
6 BUSINESS <i>Disciplines</i> Business / Marketing	1 Are You Ready for the World of Work? (survey) 2 The Story of Google (online article)	Working out meaning from context Annotating	Understanding key vocabulary Scanning to predict content Reading for main ideas Reading for details Giving opinions Identifying audience Making inferences Synthesizing
7 PEOPLE <i>Disciplines</i> Psychology / Sociology	1 Incredible People: Ben Underwood (blog post) 2 Role Models (blog posts)	Using a Venn diagram	Understanding key vocabulary Scanning to predict content Reading for main ideas Reading for details Taking notes Working out meaning Identifying purpose Previewing Making inferences Synthesizing
8 THE UNIVERSE <i>Disciplines</i> Astronomy / Engineering	1 The New Space Race: The Rise of Commercial Space Travel (online article) 2 Is There Life on Other Planets? (essay)	Identifying the author's purpose	Understanding key vocabulary Using your knowledge Previewing Reading for main ideas Reading for details Scanning to predict content Annotating Distinguishing fact from opinion Synthesizing

	LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT	WATCH AND LISTEN	SPECIAL FEATURES
	Prepositions of movement	Skiing in the French Alps	Critical Thinking Collaboration
	Collocations with <i>business</i> Business vocabulary	Amazon's Fulfillment Center	Critical Thinking Collaboration
	Noun phrases with <i>of</i> Adjectives to describe people	The 101-Year-Old Weather Volunteer	Critical Thinking Collaboration
	Giving evidence and supporting an argument Infinitives of purpose	Going to the International Space Station	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. Online workbooks build 21st-century skills through additional graded language and skills practice in the Cambridge Learning Management System (CLMS). 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
<i>Prism Reading Intro</i>	Beginner	A1
<i>Prism Reading 1</i>	Low Intermediate	A2
<i>Prism Reading 2</i>	Intermediate	B1
<i>Prism Reading 3</i>	High Intermediate	B2
<i>Prism Reading 4</i>	Advanced	C1