HOW TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS: READ WELL

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The ability of man to conquer space and cyber space has grown even more intense as years go by. However, all these things would not have been made possible if people did not know how to read.

The ability to read and understand printed materials especially those written in English is an indicator of success. According to Karen Chiang (1995), children who can read fluently make more and better progress. Those who have reading difficulties are reminded of this weakness. Like ordering at a restaurant, following street signs, assembling an object are all poignant reminders of this experience.

If a person wishes to be well informed, enjoy his existence and relationship with others, he must know how to read. Francis Bacon gave emphasis to this when he said, “Reading makes a full man…”, a quotation that up to this time has become a favorite of the adherents of the famous saying.

Throughout one’s life, one has to do a lot of reading. It is therefore necessary that one knows how to apply these reading skills appropriately. Understanding words, sentences and paragraphs is essential to comprehending reading selections (Bond, 1994). A student learning a new language like English must be prepared in order to meet the varied tasks in the future. The Ghana Association of French Teachers (GAFT) Report cited in Wright’s (1993) article, pointed out that students must be encouraged to read and enjoy literary works so that the habit thus acquired may stand a chance of being maintained after formal studies have ended.