THE FOUR MACRO SKILLS

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Everyone dreams of becoming a successful individual in the future. For this very reason, at a young age, we are trained and equipped with the skills that we need in order to face the challenges of the world. There is a rich area in the discipline of macro-skills but teachers believe that in developing countries like the Philippines, we still have a lot to explore (Mante-Estacio, Valdez, and Pulido, 2018).

Speaking, reading, listening and writing are the four macro skills that we need to hone if we want to achieve those dreams. In 2018, a study was conducted by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) where 15-year-old learners across 79 countries were assessed. Unfortunately, the Philippines ranked last among the countries in reading comprehension.

People do not pay attention to these four skills because we do not see directly the positive results brought by these. But in reality, when you take a closer look and analyze every aspect of your life, you will come to a realization that the root cause of either success or failure in life is the four macro skills.

The goal of education is to make the learners independent and to develop their critical thinking skills that could prepare them for the challenges of a fast-changing world.

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