

Exploring Microsoft Reading Coach

Objectives

- Utilise Microsoft Reading Coach to receive personalised feedback on reading fluency, pronunciation, and accuracy.
- Develop the ability to critically evaluate and incorporate AI-generated reading reports for self-improvement.
- Enhance reading speed and vocabulary retention by practising based on AI-identified "Challenge Words"

Instructions:

1) Access the Tool

- Go to <https://coach.microsoft.com/> and sign in using your **PolyU Connect** account.

2) Prepare your Text:

- Click "**Add a passage**".
- Copy and paste a text (approx. 200 words) from your course materials, Subject Information Handout, or an academic abstract.
- Alternatively, use the "**Create a story**" feature to generate a new text at your preferred difficulty level, or you can "**read a passage from their library**".

3) Reading Session:

- Ensure your microphone is enabled.
- Click "**Start Reading**" and read the text aloud naturally.
- **Note:** If you get stuck, you can click a word to hear the pronunciation, but try to read independently for the most accurate assessment.

4) Feedback Analysis:

- After finishing the text, Reading Coach will analyse your delivery, providing specific feedback on aspects such as:
 - **Accuracy rate** (Aim for >95% for independent proficiency).
 - **Reading speed** (Correct words per minute).
 - **Pronunciation accuracy** and specific "Challenge Words".

5) Refinement and Practice:

- Review the AI-generated **Reading Report** to identify patterns in your pronunciation errors.
- Select "**Practice words**". The tool will guide you through pronouncing the specific words you struggled with.

- Utilise the **Immersive Reader** (book icon) to listen to the text read by the AI, then re-read the passage to improve your accuracy score

Example Analysis Questions

- "What specific sounds or word clusters did the AI identify as 'Challenge Words'?"
- "How does my reading speed compare to the expected fluency for this academic level?"
- "Did the text difficulty match my current level, or should I select a more complex text for the next round?"

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