



## HELP 131R Reading Foundations 1

**Term and Dates:** Fall 1 2012

**Class Days and Time:** Monday ~ Thursday, 9:45 am ~ 10:50 am

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides a strong foundation in basic reading skills for new or beginning-level learners of English. Your reading fluency and comprehension will increase as you study and practice effective strategies, develop your vocabulary, and read many interesting stories and articles.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will:

- Increase reading speed (to approximately 100 wpm)
- Locate main ideas and specific pieces of information when reading
- Recall some facts or information from the text
- Develop strategies or ways for guessing the meanings of new words from context
- Increase knowledge of general English vocabulary
- Respond to reading passages through discussion and writing

### COURSE MATERIALS

Required:

- TEXT: *Real Reading 1 with MP3 CD* (L. Bonesteel), 2011. Units 1-6
- Dictionary (paper or electronic)

Supplemental:

- HELP's collection of graded readers
- Handouts distributed by the teacher

### ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

- Vocabulary journal
- Extensive reading
- Timed reading
- Reading circles

## GRADING

Attendance	20%
Participation	20%
Homework	20%
Vocabulary Quizzes	20%
Extensive Reading	20%

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100%

## Grading Scale

A	= 90-100%
B	= 80-89%
C	= 70-79%
D	= 60-69%
F	= below 60%

## ATTENDANCE

There are **no** excused absences from HELP classes. Any hour that you are not in class will be counted as an absence. This includes illness, TOEFL or other exams, religious services, visits from friends and relatives, etc. If you have more than five hours of absences in any one class, you will receive a letter of probation. If you have any additional absences, you receive a letter of imminent dismissal.

## TARDINESS

Please make every effort to be on time for every class. Your teacher keeps a record of each minute you are late. Your tardies may accumulate to one full class absence in the following ways:

- Three tardies equals one absence.
- If you are more than 30 minutes late to a class, either at the beginning or at the end, you will also receive one absence.

## English-Only Policy

In order to ensure that students make the best use of their time at HELP, all students must speak, write, listen to, and read **ONLY** in English at school and on school activities.



*As your teacher, I believe that I can learn as much from you as you can learn from me. So, let's learn and grow together.*

*My main goal is to make learning fun and challenging. I will do my best, and I expect the same from you.*

*I hope you will enjoy your time at HELP!*

*Matthew*