

# *Read-So-Well: Chunk Reading for Fun*

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## はじめに

英文を読むことは最強の英語学習の方法です。できるだけ自然な英語をたくさん、味わいながら読むことが大切です。問題は、その読み方です。口と耳と目を通して読む習慣を身につけましょう。

このテキストでは、いろいろな話題のストーリーを紹介します。口と耳と目を通して楽しく読むために、ここではチャンク・リーディングを採用します。小さな意味のまとまりのことをチャンクといいます。I played tennis with my friend. という文があれば、I played tennis (テニスをしたよ) と with my friend (友達と) の2つのチャンクに分けることができます。会話などでは、息継ぎがチャンクの長さを決めます。I played tennis with my friend. は比較的短い文なので、息継ぎをしなくて1つのチャンクとして表現することが多いと思います。がしかし、ここでは、英語の意味が理解しやすくなるように、できるだけ小さなチャンクに分けています。慣れてくれば、チャンク同士を結合して長いチャンクにして音読するのもいいでしょう。

全部で4つのパートに分かれています。Part I は、音読訓練のために選んだ8篇の英文があります。徹底的に音読力を鍛えるようにしましょう。Part II は25篇の短い英文（ワンパラグラフ）があります。短いかからといって簡単というわけではありませんが、いろいろな話題のものを取り上げています。英文も自然な英語で書かれています。ここではチャンクに対して日本語訳があるため、英語のチャンク表現とそれに対応する日本語の関係に慣れるようにしてください。さらに、内容理解についての設問があります。挑戦してみてください。

Part III は読解力テストのつもりでトライしてください。少し長目の英文もあります。そして、Part IV は、筆者が気に入っている英文です。この英文を味わいながら読むようにしてください。

チャンクによる音読がこのテキストの特徴です。そのため、すべての英文はチャンクに分けて Chunk Reading ができるようにしています。音声のほうも、フルパッセージを読むものと、チャンク読みのものを準備しました。

音声を聞き、目で英文を読み、そして口で英文を再生する。この3つを実践してください。それに加えて、手で英文を書く訓練をすれば、学習効果は最大になります。

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## Passage 2: Jimmy and Ted

Jimmy and Ted are brothers.  
Jimmy is 5 years old.  
Ted is 7 years old.  
One day  
their Mom took them to the zoo.  
Jimmy wore his red cap,  
and Ted wore his blue cap.  
They had fun  
watching all the animals.  
Ted liked the monkeys the best.  
He wanted to stay  
and watch them some more,  
but Jimmy wanted to go see the elephants.  
Elephants were Jimmy's favorite.  
Their Mom said  
it was time to go see the elephants,  
and Ted was sad.  
But their Mom said  
they could come back  
and see the monkeys again  
before they left the zoo.  
Jimmy and Ted had a great day at the zoo.

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### Chunk Reading

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Mumbling	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shadowing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overlapping	<input type="checkbox"/>

音声

Jimmy and Ted.C.mp3



### Passage Reading

Shadowing	<input type="checkbox"/>
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音声

Jimmy and Ted.mp3

## Passage 8: Water on Earth

まず、目を閉じて音声を聞きましょう。

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- ✓ 水は75パーセントを覆っています
- ✓ 地球の表面の。
- ✓ しかし
- ✓ その大半は海中にあり
- ✓ しょっぱ過ぎて飲めません。
- ✓ さらに
- ✓ その一部は凍っていて
- ✓ 簡単には使えません。
- ✓ 実際に
- ✓ 1パーセント未満しか使われないのです
- ✓ 人々や動物や植物のためには。



音声

Water on Earth.E.mp3



Chunk Reading

Basic Repeating

Shadowing

音声

Water on Earth.C.mp3



Say it in Japanese & listen!

音声

Water on Earth.J.mp3



## Passage Reading

音声 

Water on Earth.mp3

- ✓ だから飲み水は貴重です。
- ✓ それは「青いゴールド」と呼ばれます。

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## Check your Comprehension

1. How much of the earth's surface is covered by water?

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2. Where can you find most of the water on earth?

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3. What does water in the sea taste like?

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4. How much of the water on earth is used for living beings?

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5. Why is drinking water called "blue gold"?

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# Passage 1: Ann and Frank

One day, Ann and Frank went to the lake with their dog Rover. Rover can swim well, so Frank threw a stick into the water for him to fetch. "Jump, Rover! Jump in and get the stick," said Frank, and into the water Rover went with a big splash. Pretty soon he came out with the stick in his mouth. Rover did not like the game as much as Frank because the water was a little cold. They had fun for a while with Rover, and then set out for home because it was late in the day, and they could not stay long.

On the way home, Rover saw a rabbit and away he went after it as fast as he could go. Ann and Frank ran too but could not keep up with Rover and the rabbit. When they got home, Rover was there, and Frank said, "Where is the rabbit, Rover?" Rover gave Frank a funny look and laid down on his mat. "Oh I know," said Frank. "The rabbit ran so fast you could not catch it."



read &  
underline

read and underline  
the parts you think  
are important or  
difficult

音声

Ann and Frank.C.mp3



Chunk  
Reading

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## listen & circle

listen and circle  
out the parts that  
are highlighted in  
the mp3

音声

Ann and Frank.mp3

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## Check your Comprehension

1. What did Rover fetch in the water?

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2. Why couldn't Rover catch the rabbit?

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3. What might have happened if Ann and Frank stayed later?

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4. How do you think Rover felt about not catching the rabbit?

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