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reading matter

read-able \ˈredəbl̩\ *adj.* 1 : that can be read with ease
LEAGUE (~ handwriting) b : pleasing, interesting,
offering no great difficulty to ~ novel (a ~
treatise on physics)
read-aloud \ri:əd-laʊd\ *n*: map : clear in detail and the sig-
nificance of symbols 2 : that can be read throughout a
novel (~ at a sitting)

read-ability n -ES : READABILITY
read-ably \ri:əd-l̩\ *adv* : in a readable manner ; in such a way
to become adapted again
re-adaptability \rē+\\ad\ *n*: the quality or state of being readapt-
able

re-adaptation \rē+\\adən\ *n*: capable of being adapted again
re-adapted \rē+\\ad\ *v* [re + address] : to address again; esp
to put a new ~ on a record
re-address \rē+\\adres\ *v* [re + address] : to forward the letter]
to put a new ~ on a record
re-read \rē+\\red\ *v* [ME redere, fr. OE *rædan*, fr. *rādān* to
read] (-er -es) 1 : that reads as: a (1) : one that applies
himself to read (a slow ~) (a good ~) (2) : one who law in the
devoted to reading (one fond of reading (is a great ~)) b : one
appointed to read aloud to others as: (1) : one appointed to
read aloud during meals as: in a monastery (the convent)
2 : LECTOR 1 (3) : one who reads aloud selected mat-
terial in a Christian Science church or society c (1) : PROOF
terial in a Christian Science church or society d (1) : PROOF
material in a Christian Science church or society e (1) : PROOF
possible publication or for use as materials in producing
for motion picture or play f (1) : PROOF material in a
and other work g (1) : PROOF literature and indicates items to be
interest or value, abstracted, or clipped as having special
interest or value to some individual or group d (1) : PROOF
reads and records the indications of a meterstick or gauge
for a purpose h (1) : PROOF teacher by reading and marking the papers of
students enrolled in a class 2 Brit.: one who reads lectures or
exponents subjects to students i (1) : PROOF university
Inns of Court j (1) : PROOF literary title b : a university
chosen as a specialist in a particular field and ranking
lower than a professor 3 A : READING GLASS b : a device for
projecting a readable image of a transparent object onto a
contained or reflected screen c (1) : PROOF (as of a computer)
material recorded (as on punched cards, magnetic
tape) for storage or computation 4 A : book for instruction
and practice in reading (a third-grade ~) b : beginners in a subject
taking selections from it (a French ~) c : ANTHOLOGY (A.G.B.
Shaw) 5 A : READING NOTICE B : card (as in a window
display) that carries a sale price, caption, or similar infor-
mation G : a playing card (by gambler, conjurer) — compare STAMP 7
a worker who records a textile design (as in string or in num-
bers) that he reads from a card

read-er-ship \vri:shɪp\ *n*: 1 : the quality or state of being a
reader 2 : readers and purchasers on most levels of
reading L.Mott) b : the office, position, or profession of being
a reader; esp., Brit.: the position of a university teacher rank-
ing lower than a professor (there are many chairs and posts in al-
most every faculty) c (1) : PROOF M.L.Postan) 2 A : a
mass of individuals actually reading or estimated to read
something (as a book, magazine, newspaper, advertisement
increasing the ~ of a magazine) distinguished from
circulation b : a particular class of readers (will appeal to
~ as intelligent)

re-adhere \rē+\\ədher\ *v* [re + adhere] : to adhere again
re-adhesion \rē+\\ədheŋ\ *n* [re + adhesion]: the action of reader-

ready \redi:\ *past* PRESENT OF READY
readies pres 3rd sing PRESENT OF READY, pl OF READY
ready comparative OF READY
readiest superlative OF READY
readily \redi:l̩\ *adv* [-dl̩\ *adv* [ME redilī, fr. redy
ready + -ly:] in a ready manner; with readiness: as 2 with
prompt willingness: without hesitating, quibbling, or delaying
with alacrity 3 ALLUSION: to accept my help — Norah
Waitly 4 readily efficient efficiency: without needless loss
of time; reasonably fast: SPEEDILY (information can when
needed be ~ acquired by consulting appropriate books
— J.B.Conant) c : with a fair degree of ease (without much
effort) d EASILY (idea that a layman could ~ understand if plainly expressed —E.S.McCarthy)

read in v t : to cause (oneself) to enter formally upon a new
benefice in the Church of England after appointment
published by the statements ~ v t : to enter formally upon
a new benefice in the Church of England by reading oneself in
readiness \ˈredinəs\ -din- \\n -ES [ME redinesse, fr. redy
ready + -ness] 1 : prompt willingness ALACRITY (~ to welcome more
co-operative relations —Current Biog.) (~ to continue discus-
sions —Wall Street Jour.) b : fairly quick efficiency;
reasonable speed (acceptance of the instrument in writing —S.
Rosenfield) c FACILITY (A happy ~ of conversation
—Jane Austen) d : a state of preparation (putting them in ~
—H.E.Scudder) (gauging the child's ~ to begin reading)

reading \ˈredɪŋ\ -den\ *n*-S [ME redeŋge, fr. OE *redian*, fr.
reddan to read] 1 : the act of reading 2 : a thing read
1 A : material designed to be read: matter for reading (chos-
e the ~ for the great books course); esp : a particular selection
of such material designed to be read at one time or as a unit
(the ~ of the Bible) b : a particular selection of the material read
in a particular field by an individual (were discriminating his
their ~) (thought he had seen the word somewhere in his ~)
2 : the extent to which an individual has (as a person or
organization) read or been exposed to written language in its
form, syntax, choice of vocabulary, use in printed editions
or other source of material designed to be read : a particu-
lar version (found an interesting ~ of the same passage in one
of the older manuscripts) (the generally accepted ~ of a
textual tradition) b : a particular interpretation (examined
the ~ of the thermometer) 3 A : a particular interpretation of
history —James Marjorie) b : a particular performance
and interpretation of a musical composition (examined the
score of a musical composition) (a sensitive ~ of the principal
role) (a knowledgeable ~ of the symphony)

reading \ˈredɪŋ\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to reading (a ~ listed
book) 2 : of or relating to reading (a ~ signed or used for
reading (a ~ lamp) (a ~ desk) b : set aside for reading (a
room)

reading \ˈredɪŋ\ -den\ *adj*, usu cap [fr. Reading, county
borough of Reading, England; : of the kind or style prev-
ailing in Reading 2 [fr. Reading, city in southeast Pennsylvania];
: of or from the city of Reading, Pa. : of the kind or style
prevailing there]

reading chair *n*: a chair with a narrow back, high short arms
a small slanted shelf attached to the top of the back, and a seat designed
for straddling and/or permitting one
to sit facing the front

reading clerk *n*: a clerk in a legislative assembly whose principal duty is
the reading of bills or other formal docu-
ments in public session

reading desk *n*: a desk with a sloping
top used to support a book in a con-
venient position for a reader standing
before it

reading glass *n*: a large magnifying
lens that is used, attached to a handle
and that is used to facilitate reading
of small print or examination (as
of map details)

reading man *n*: one who by choice
does much reading; esp., chiefly Brit
used : a univocal scholar devoted often
excessively to reading and study

reading matter *n*: the regular contents (as news, features) of
newspaper or other periodical exclusive of the advertising



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