







AB 1 – How to Use AI to Improve Your Reading Skills

Step-by-Step Guide

	Open an AI chatbot (like ChatGPT, Deepseek, Microsoft Copilot, etc.) Ex: https://chatgpt.com/ in Safari
	Upload (only if you login) or paste the text on the next page into the chatbot.
	Copy one of the prompts below into the chatbox.
	Read the response from the AI.
	Give the Prompt a rating from 1 to 5.
	Go back to step 3 and try a different prompt!



Prompts to Try Out

	Tactic	Prompt
1	Simplify Complex Texts	"Rewrite this text at a B1 English level. Keep key facts but use shorter sentences."
2	Summarize Long Texts	"Summarize this text in 3 bullet points. Focus on the main idea."
3	Generate Vocabulary Lists	"Pick 10 challenging words from this text. Make a table (Word Definition Example German Translation)." + E: "Create a fill-in-the-blank exercise with these words."
4	Change the Text Type	G: try 2 E: try 3 Dialogue: "Write a dialogue about the subject of the text." Poem: "Write a poem about the subject of the text." Action Story: "Write the text as an action thriller."
5	Find Cultural Context	"Explain references to culture outside of Germany in this text."

 End of Lesson: Copy the chat into a file.

The Story of the First Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is one of the most popular holidays in the USA. It is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November. On this day, many families come together and spend the day celebrating with a traditional meal. The entire family often takes part in the food preparations. The meal usually includes roast turkey, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes or mashed potatoes. For dessert, many families serve a sweet pie, such as pumpkin, sweet potato or apple pie.

Before they eat, people usually pause to give thanks, often in prayer, for the good things in their lives, for example that they could be together to celebrate Thanksgiving or that their family and friends are healthy. Thanksgiving has a long history. The first

Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621. On 16 September 1620, the Pilgrim Fathers set sail from Plymouth in England towards the North American continent.

102 passengers travelled on a ship called the Mayflower. These people hoped to find a new home and religious freedom in America. On November 21, the Pilgrims arrived in what is now the state of Massachusetts, America.

That winter was very cold and the Pilgrims did not know how to find food in their new country. Many died from the cold and from disease. The same area was home to a tribe of Native Americans. Although the Native Americans were friendly, the Pilgrims were scared of them. Finally, in March 1621, two Native American men called Samoset and Squanto decided to help the new settlers.

They showed the Pilgrims how to hunt, catch fish, grow food and build houses. Squanto stayed with them and was their assistant. Thanks to Squanto, the Pilgrims learned how to grow food such as pumpkins and corn.

In November 1621, the Pilgrims invited the Native Americans to celebrate their first harvest with them. Many Native American chiefs came with their families. They brought food with them, too. They ate many of the same foods that people eat today. They ate, sang and celebrated for three days – and that was the first Thanksgiving.