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Preface

Reading has long been considered as one of the most important skills of learning a language. Reading is important for a variety of reasons. First, through reading, learners develop general, world knowledge. Second, reading helps learners improve and extend their vocabulary knowledge. Vocabulary is not learned by isolated sentences or by a single exposure. Providing a word or phrase in context allows for multiple encounters with those words and phrases which in turn increases the chance of their retention. By presenting them in context, it also helps the learners deduce the meaning of unknown words easier. Third, reading about materials which are interesting for learners keeps them motivated and encourages them to read more. Moreover, reading successfully in the foreign language develops learner autonomy. Having all these factors in mind, the author tries to present some 19 passages that include interesting information about common topics of daily life, which not only improve their knowledge of language, but also develop their general knowledge.