

Reading 5

Чтение текста вслух

- Полезно вначале прочесть текст задания про себя; выделить трудные для произношения слова; разметить интонацию; прочесть текст шепотом, а потом вслух, обращая внимание на слитность и беглость речи.
- Читая текст, избегайте необоснованных пауз в речи, верно расставляйте ударения и правильно используйте интонацию, не нарушайте нормы произношения слов.

- **2б-** Речь воспринимается легко: необоснованные паузы отсутствуют;
- фразовое ударение и интонационные контуры, произношение слов
- практически без нарушений нормы; допускается не более пяти
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- необоснованные паузы; фразовое ударение и интонационные контуры
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- **0** -Речь воспринимается с трудом из-за значительного количества
- неестественных пауз, запинок, неверной расстановки ударений и ошибок
- в произношении слов,
- ИЛИ допущено более семи фонетических ошибок,
- ИЛИ сделано четыре и более фонетические ошибки, искажающие смысл

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