

PTCI Task 4: When Students Are Asked to Read Out Loud

- a) What is your reaction to the comment below?

"I noticed that the teacher made students read out loud and answer questions concerning what was read and I thought that I would never do this because reading out loud is only for pronunciation. Students are often not focused so they have no idea what they are reading. The rest of the class had nothing to do." (student teacher's reflections following a class observation in a school in Europe)

- b) Have you been in a language classroom where you were a student and were asked to read out loud a piece of text? Please reflect on your experience, e.g., How did you feel at the time? Why did you feel that way?
- c) Have you been in a language classroom where your classmates were asked to read a piece of text out loud? Reflect on your experience, e.g., What did you do when they were reading the text out loud? How useful did you find it?
- d) In your opinion, why do some teachers ask students to read a text out loud?

