Kyrill Potapov

Teacher and Researcher
Harry Potter in 3 hours!
fallen
in the tall grasses - the old apple tree blossoms

25 Milliseconds!
Reading reborn?
or yet more evidence of our social decline?
“We can pronounce not a single destructive proposition which has not already had to slip into the form, the logic, and the implicit postulations of precisely what it seeks to contest. In this sense, language itself has a speed and hence a momentum which cannot be absent from the act of signification.”
Quantify!
• Database of standardised reading comprehension
• Used across Secondary Schools in the UK quizzes
800 gripping pages!

(Except the last bit in Amsterdam, sorry)
MY READING JOURNEY

• Before Spritz: 230 wpm

• When I found Spritz: 350 wpm

• Using Spritz for a couple of months: 450 wpm
I INCREASED THE SPEED ON SPRITZ
GREATER SPEED MORE CALMING?
OR DID IT JUST GET BORING?
Comprehension scores for this short story

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• Feels less effortful
• Far more thorough than “skimming” (you don’t miss any ideas)
• Allows you to track exactly how much you’ve read
DIFFERENT KIND OF READING

Why are you reading?
- To acquire content
- For pleasure
I was able to Spritz a number of studies, whilst teaching full time.

References


Karen’s birthday was on Tuesday and Mr. Neven said his birthday present to her has also been recovered unscathed from the building.

Market Hill remains closed to traffic as engineers make the affected buildings safe and Suffolk Fire Service investigates the cause.
350 wpm
TRY IT YOURSELF!

500 wpm
FIND OUT MORE, IT’S FREE

You can get a Spritz Chrome extension.
I like “Readline”

Paste in whatever you want on readsy.co
THE FUTURE?

Spritz + Beeminder? Pledge to read 1000 words

Spritz + Exist? Check the impact of sleep and the music you listen to on how much you read

Thank You