3.2 READING

CASE STUDY:

A case study is a research approach that is used to generate an in-depth, multi-faceted understanding of a complex issue in its real-life context. It is an established research design that is used extensively in a wide variety of disciplines, particularly in the social Sciences. A case study is an appropriate research design when you want to gain concrete, contextual, in-depth knowledge about a specific real-world subject. It allows you to explore the key characteristics, meanings, and implications of the case. Case studies are often a good choice in a thesis or dissertation.

Case study analysis can be broken down into the following steps:

- Identify the most important facts surrounding the case.
- Identify the key issue or issues.
- Specify alternative courses of action.
- Evaluate each course of action.
- Recommend the best course of action.

EXCERPTS FROM LITERARY TEXTS AND NEWS REPORT

Tips for Reading Literary Texts

Before Reading

- Read the title and think about what might happen in the story or what the essay might be about.
- Does the title suggest any connections to your own life or raise any questions?
- Recall other selections you may have read by this author.
- Look at any illustrations. What do they tell you about the story or subject?
- Look the text over and sample the text to note its length, organization, level of language and structure. Pay attention to punctuation.

During Reading

- As you read, ask question about what is happening. Make predictions about what might happen next.

- Form opinions about what is going on. Think about your responses and reactions to what you are reading. Making notes can help you focus your thinking as you read.

- Picture the setting, events or images in your mind. Sketch them. As you read, imagine how the words will be spoken and see the action.

- While reading a narrative selections, try the following:

- Read the first page and pause. What do you know so far about the people (characters), setting, conflict and point of view? Where do you think the story line is going? Make connections to what you already know.

- Who are the people and How are they related to each other? Put yourself in their place. What would you say or do?

After Reading

- Write down favorite quotations from the text. Share and compare them with a partner.

- Create a visual interpretations of the text, such as a web, story map, or timeline to show the relationship among the major characters and their feeling and attitudes.

- Create a sensory web of the setting. Use a graphic organizer to illustrate the story's plot or sequence of events (situation, complications, climax, resolution).

- Retell/ summarize the content in your own words, orally or in writing.

Follow these quick tips for reading the news reports in English:

1. Take a look at the headlines.
2. Pay attention to passive tenses.
3. Choose news stories that interest you
4. Write down new vocabulary.
5. Read news at the right level for you.