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*The Ready – Set – Read reading challenge  
is intended to get everyone into better  
reading shape.*

*Any reader, no matter their starting point, is  
welcome to join the challenge and start working  
on their reading fitness. There are many ways to  
enjoy literature: you can pick up a printed book,  
listen to an audiobook, or read something online.*

*The Ready – Set – Read reading challenges  
encourage reading and promote literacy among  
Oulu residents. We aim to be the most literate  
European Capital of Culture in 2026.*

*The Ready – Set – Read reading challenge  
family comprises four different reading  
challenges: The Ready – Set – Read reading  
challenge for adults, the reading challenge for  
pupils, the reading challenge for early  
childhood education and care and families, as  
well as the reading challenge for workplaces.*



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**READY – SET – READ!**

**Reading Challenge for Students**



**My name:**

**School:**

**Class:**

**Reading** has been shown to have many benefits, including educational benefits. For example, it improves your ability to concentrate and expands your vocabulary. But above all, reading is fun! The world is full of enchanting literature, and you can find books to suit any taste, as long as you have the courage to activate your reading engine.

Activate your reading muscles by doing the following exercises! You can do them in any order you want. After finishing an exercise, tick the box. After completing all tasks, please ask your guardian to sign in the section below and return the challenge to your teacher by the specified date.

*Guardian's  
signature:*

*Return date:*

**Enjoy reading as you work  
yourself into better  
reading shape!**

#### EQUIPMENT

- ☐ 1. I have my own library card.
- ☐ 2. I know where my library card is.
- ☐ 3. I checked at what time my nearby library opens tomorrow, or when a mobile library will stop near me.
- ☐ 4. I have chosen a book I will read next.
- ☐ 5. I know a place where it is comfortable for me to read.

#### BASIC FITNESS

- ☐ 6. I thought about what the title of the book I have chosen brings to mind.
- ☐ 7. I read the first 10 pages of the book.
- ☐ 8. I read the book during recess.
- ☐ 9. I finished the first book!
- ☐ 10. I started a reading challenge (e.g. Oulu City Reading Diploma).

#### GROUP TRAINING

- ☐ 11. I read a book together with someone else.
- ☐ 12. I got a good book recommendation from a friend / family member / the library.
- ☐ 13. Our teacher or assistant told us about their favourite book.
- ☐ 14. I recommended a nice book to someone else.
- ☐ 15. We had a reading lesson at school.

#### PICKING UP THE PACE

- ☐ 16. I read somewhere else than at school or home.
- ☐ 17. I read for a longer time than I thought I had.
- ☐ 18. I read aloud to a friend / pet / stuffed toy.
- ☐ 19. I made a nice bookmark for myself.
- ☐ 20. I finished another book!

#### MAXIMUM SPEED

- ☐ 21. I read almost an entire evening or an entire day off.
- ☐ 22. I read for several days in a row – and I loved it!
- ☐ 23. I know at least three books I want to read next.
- ☐ 24. I wished for a reading event from my Student Council rep / teacher / principal.
- ☐ 25. My plan is to read as much as I can during this school year!

