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Comprehension!?

The purpose of my experiment is to find the best way of reading to understand subjects. I test a group of people using different reading methods, then I will find the best method of learning. I believe the best method of learning is reading out loud to themselves. I think this is true because hearing the words as you read help you comprehend a reading. I started by siting one student in a quiet room and handed them a paragraph. I asked them to read the paragraph in their head and answer the comprehension questions. Next, I asked them to listen and follow along as I read a different paragraph. After that they also answered comprehension questions. Lastly, they were asked to read out loud to themselves, and answer comprehension question. My hypothesis was incorrect, reading out loud wasn't the best way to learn, but the best was listening to a speaker talk as they followed along. Sixty percent of the test group did better listening to a speaker. Twenty percent of the test groups' best method of learning was reading in their head. The last twenty percent of the test groups' best method was reading out loud to themselves. I learned that people have different ways of learning, but the best way of learning for an entire group, like a class of students, was listening to a speaker read and following along.