

Reading Comprehension

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1) How is knowledge different from understanding?

Knowledge is different from understanding in a way that knowledge is acquired when new experience is acquired on the basis of old experiences. While understanding comes when no such old experience is needed. Knowledge is knowledge of the finished articles and understanding is primarily direct awareness of the raw material. Furthermore, knowledge is in the form of concepts and can be passed by words or symbols, while the understanding is not like knowledge.

ii) Explain why understanding cannot be passed on.

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The author explains that the knowledge of understanding is not the same as the understanding.

v) How far do you agree with the author in his definitions of knowledge and understanding? Give reasons for your answer.

By agreeing with the author, the definitions given by him for knowledge and understandings are, on the basis of reasons.

He has given the clear cut differences by having the concept of prior knowledge for knowledge. While for understanding no back ground knowledge is required. While further on, as understanding is an immediate experience which can be talked about. No body can understand another's person pain, grief, feelings of love or joy. On the

other hand, Knowledge is always on the basis of concepts and can be passed on from one person to another person. At last, understanding is the primarily direct awareness of raw materials. While Knowledge is the Knowledge of the finished articles.