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1. Read
2. Read
3. Read some more
4. Read anything
5. Read about everything
6. Read enjoyable things
7. Read things you yourself enjoy
8. Read, and talk about it
9. Read very carefully–some things
10. Read on the run–some things
11. Don’t think about reading, but
12. Just read
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