
Make Your Content Talk

ReadSpeaker text-to-speech solutions give a voice to your learning management solutions.

Session Objectives

After this session, you will be able to:

- Explain why students may want to use text-to-speech technology
- Describe to your students how to use the ReadSpeaker Listen button within Blackboard
- Construct an effective plan to inform your students about the many uses of this text-to-speech technology within their learning environment

ReadSpeaker Advantages (Slide 1)

- Can be accessed from any internet-connected device and browser
- Seamless one-time implementation via building block into the Blackboard LMS for an easy, straightforward learner experience
- Reading of HTML content throughout Blackboard
- All documents automatically have ReadSpeaker docReader capability

ReadSpeaker Advantages (Slide 2)

- Uses the Blackboard language setting to detect language; can read in different languages (if licensed)
- Ability to turn functionality on and off per course
- Anytime you or an instructor change course content, these changes are automatically and instantly reflected in the audio

ReadSpeaker Advantages (Slide 3)

- Listen offline by using the download to mp3 functionality, if made available by educational institution
- Enlarge Text, Text View, and the Page Mask all help distracted readers
- Customize your settings including Open Dyslexic font, background/text colors, etc.
- The ReadSpeaker support team is available to assist with any questions or concerns during and after implementation

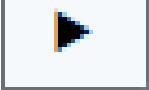
Specific Benefits of Bimodal Content Presentation

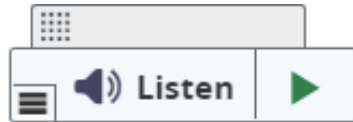
- Improved word recognition skills and vocabulary
- Improved reading comprehension, fluency, accuracy, and concentration
- Improved information recall and learning/memory enhancement
- Increased motivation and more positive attitude with regards to reading
- Increased reading self-confidence and perceived performance

How to Use ReadSpeaker Text to Speech (1)

How does it work?

To listen to the content on a page:

- Click the activation tab to open the player: 
- Position the player where you want it on the page. Then click the listen button to hear the material read to you:



- The player expands and you can use any of the tools:



How to Use ReadSpeaker Text to Speech (2)

Top Toolbar

- Listen
- Pause/restart the reading
- Stop the reading
- Skip backward 5 seconds
- Skip forward 5 seconds
- Adjust the volume
- Reading Speed
- Close the player
- **Note:** When text is highlighted, Listen, Dictionary, and Translation appear on a pop-up. Scrolling is on a Pop-up Control Panel.

Lower Toolbar

- Customize your settings
- Change voices (if available)
- Read on Hover
- Enlarge Text
- Text Mode
- Page Mask
- Help

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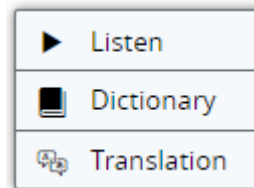
How to Use ReadSpeaker Text to Speech (3)

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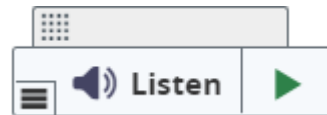
To listen to selected text:

- You can select a part of the text to listen to, and then press the pop-up Listen button that appears next to the mouse pointer or click on Listen on the webReader player.

- Pop-up commands:



- webReader Player:



How to Use ReadSpeaker Text to Speech (4)

How does it work?

To listen to a document in Content using ReadSpeaker docReader:

- Click the ReadSpeaker docReader icon next to the document to open in ReadSpeaker docReader.
- Click the ReadSpeaker docReader Listen button to listen to the selected page.
- Click More tools to access the lower toolbar.
- Click the ReadSpeaker docReader Help button for an extensive docReader user manual.

