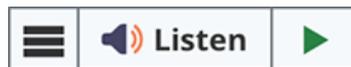

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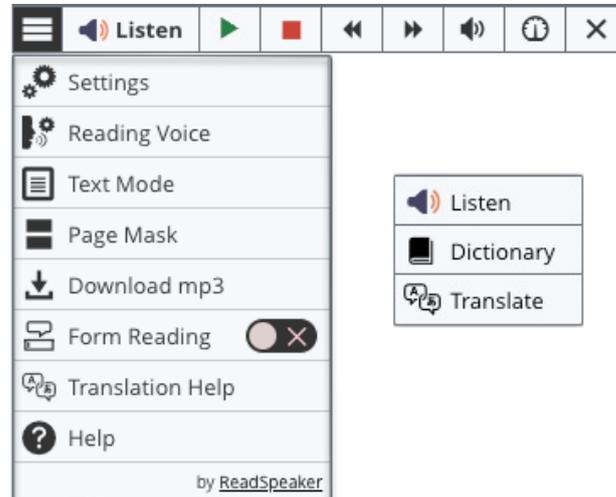
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The Listen Button



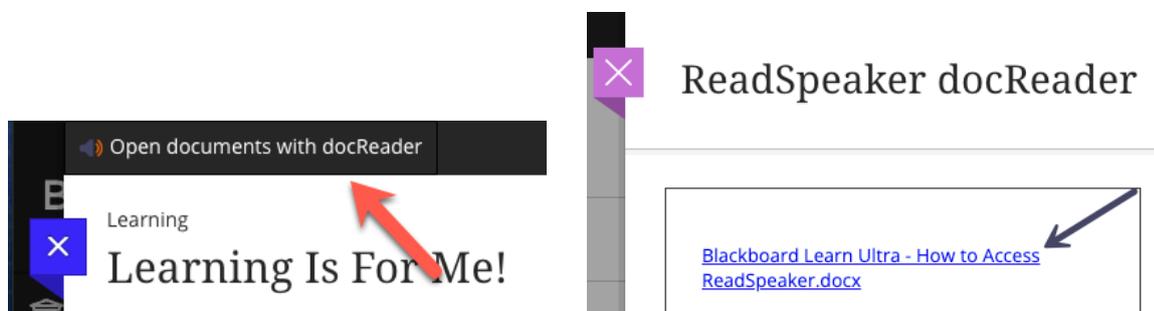
Clicking on the Listen button activates a tool called webReader. When you click on it, it will read the text on the page. You can adjust the reading speed, change the highlighting colors, enlarge the text, use a page mask, download to MP3 for offline listening, and more! On the next page, you will see an image of ReadSpeaker webReader.

Expanded ReadSpeaker webReader



What do I do when I don't have a listen button, and it is a file?

If it is a file (MS Word, PowerPoint, Excel, ePub, PDF, etc.), click the “Open documents with docReader” on the top left of the screen. You will see a side panel on the right with the document name. Click on the document name in the side panel to reload the document into a readable interface. It has many of the tools that webReader has. Here is what the two items look like:



Expanded ReadSpeaker docReader



How do I read the rest of the internet?

First, click on the TextAid link in Blackboard. This will set up your TextAid account. Install the extension for your browser (Chrome, Firefox, Edge, or Opera) and the bookmarklet (suitable for all browsers.) When you are on the internet, click on the bookmarklet or extension. Highlight the material and click listen. The extension has a tool called Snapshot that allows you to highlight an image with text and have the text read to you. Below, you will see the images for each of these tools.

TextAid Extension icon



TextAid Extension



On the next page, you will see an image of the ReadSpeaker TextAid Web Reader, also known as the bookmarklet.

TextAid Web Reader (AKA Bookmarklet)

