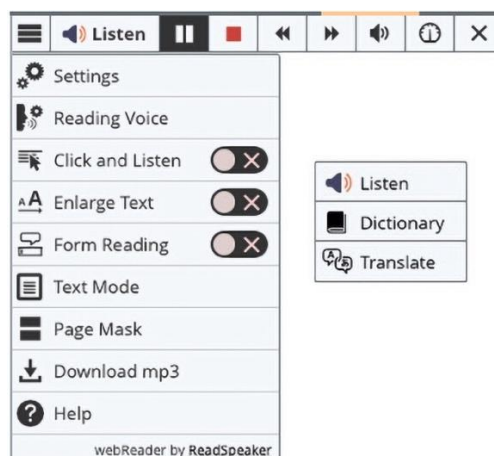


ReadSpeaker for Blackboard Original: Accessing webReader, docReader, and TextAid

What is the tab that I see on the left?



Clicking on the tab launches the ReadSpeaker Listen button, 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! Here is what it looks like expanded:



What do I do when it is a file?

If it is a file (MS Word, PowerPoint, Excel, ePub, PDF, etc.), click the docReader button to the right of the document's title. This will reload the document into a readable interface. It has many of the tools that webReader has. Here is what it looks 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



TextAid Web Reader (AKA Bookmarklet)

