

# Why Should I Use ReadSpeaker?

ReadSpeaker tools are more than just text to speech. They also give the ability to process information differently. Examples:

- If you learn by an oral presentation, use ReadSpeaker to listen to your lesson/s.
- If you are studying a difficult subject, listen to the material while you are reading the material. The two processes of seeing the words (highlight words and sentences with ReadSpeaker) and hearing the words are a form of bimodal presentation. Bimodal presentations have been shown to increase the retention of materials. Enlarged text with a slower reading speed also helps learn difficult materials by allowing time to digest the material in smaller quantities.
- If you are taking a test, you may benefit from hearing the test to catch all the words and understand the questions better.
- Learning on the go: Download your lesson pages to mp3 files and listen to them while offline. Use the download to mp3 button, which is found on the lower toolbar.



- When you click this tab, you have activated ReadSpeaker. You can then position the player where you desire on the page.



The image shows the ReadSpeaker toolbar and its settings menu. The toolbar includes a 'Listen' button, a play/pause button, a stop button, and navigation controls (back, forward, volume, and speed). The settings menu is open, showing options for 'Settings', 'Reading Voice', 'Click and Listen', 'Enlarge Text', 'Form Reading', 'Text Mode', 'Page Mask', 'Download mp3', and 'Help'. Labels on the left side of the image point to these features:

- Listen Button**: Easy-to-use listen commands
- Reading Voice**: Select the voice you wish to hear
- Enlarge Text**: See larger font text at bottom of the page
- Text Mode**: Plain text format for distraction-free reading
- Download to mp3**: Download audio to listen offline
- Adjust Reading Speed**: (points to the speed control in the toolbar)
- Settings**: Customizable font, text spacing, and more
- Click and Listen**: Click on the material to be read
- Form Reading**: Use when entering information in fields
- Page Mask**: Scrollable shaded screen for focused
- Help**: Easy to understand instructions

webReader by ReadSpeaker

- You can change the reading speed, the text highlighting, or download the file. Customize it to your learning methodology!

## Easily Distracted While Reading?

- Select the Page Mask, which is available in ReadSpeaker webReader and ReadSpeaker docReader: When activated, the page mask tool grays out the screen above and below the selected material. It will scroll with you as you move down the page. You can customize the width of the window. 
- Use ReadSpeaker docReader with the course content documents and select the Reading Ruler: When activated, the reading ruler tool grays out the material below it. The width of the ruler is customizable. Use it like a note card on a paper text document or book. 
- Need to adjust the font, font size, background/text color, or character spacing? If so, then use the Text Mode and make the adjustments to your preferences.
- Low vision or easily distracted? Use the Enlarge Text tool, which magnifies the text and shows it at the bottom of the page. The eye is naturally drawn to it.

There are many other ways to use the ReadSpeaker Suite of Learning Tools to aid your learning!

## Embedded Link:

Bimodal Presentation: <https://www.readspeaker.com/learn-more/report-benefits-bimodal-content-presentation/>