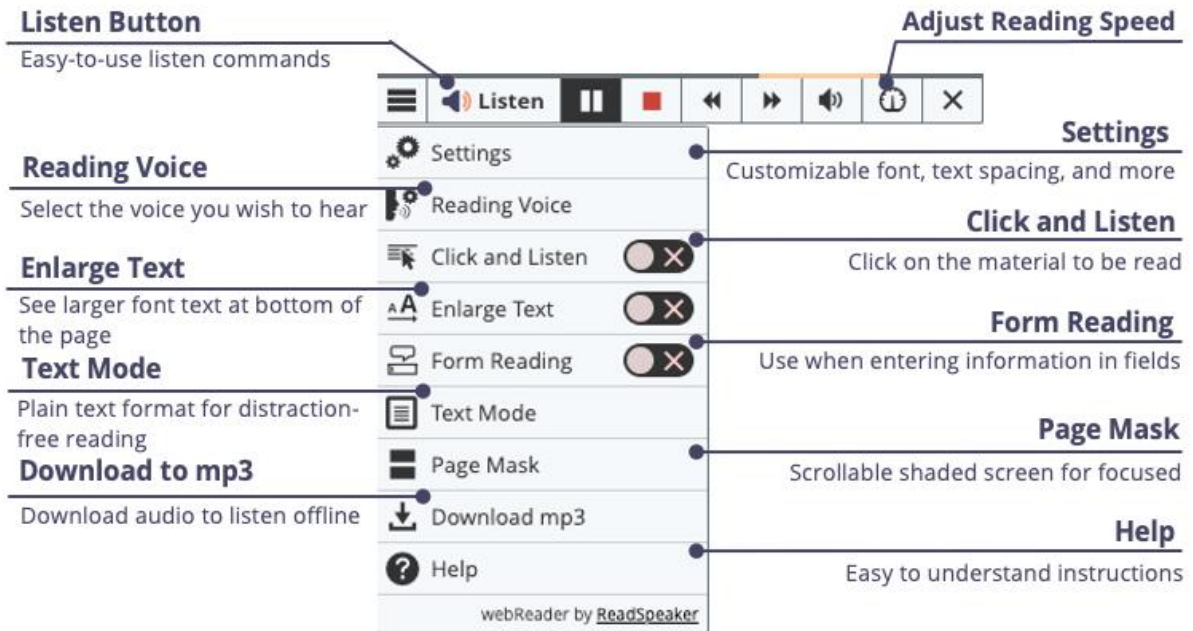


ReadSpeaker: How to Access It – webReader, docReader, and TextAid

What is the Listen button that I see?

The Listen button is a ReadSpeaker 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 the file to mp3 for offline listening, and more! You will find it in Content, Assignments, Quizzes, and Discussion Threads.

ReadSpeaker webReader Expanded and Explained




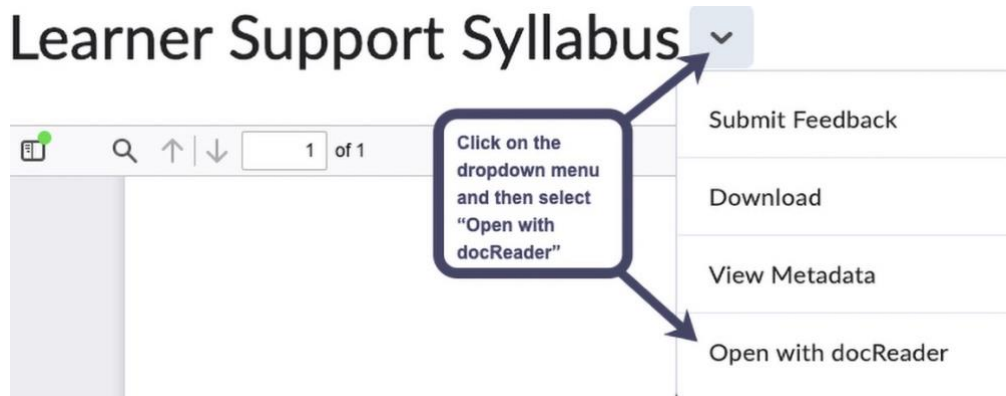
What do I do when I don't have a listen button, and it is a file?

If it is a file (MS Word, PowerPoint, Excel, ePub, PDF, etc.), you will use ReadSpeaker docReader. Before opening the document, you must determine which Brightspace view you use. There are currently three views: Classic View, New Learner Content, and New Learner Experience. Each will be discussed below, including how to open the document in the ReadSpeaker docReader interface.

Classic View of Brightspace

For the Classic View, follow these steps to open the ReadSpeaker docReader:


1. Click on the dropdown menu to the right of the file's title .
2. Click "Open with docReader."

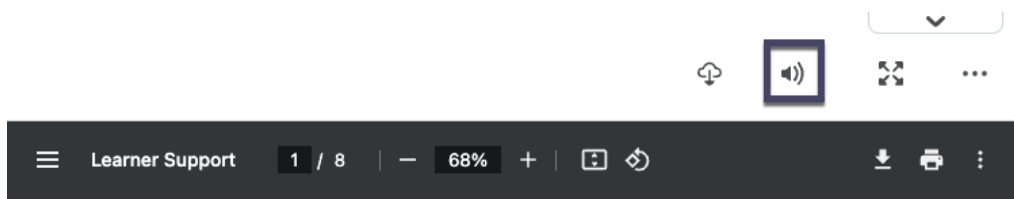


This will reload the document into a readable interface. It has many of the same tools as ReadSpeaker webReader.

New Content Experience and Instructor View of the New Learner Experience of Brightspace

To view the New Content Experience and the instructor's view of the New Learner Experience, follow the steps below to open ReadSpeaker docReader.

On the upper right-hand corner of the screen, click on the speaker .

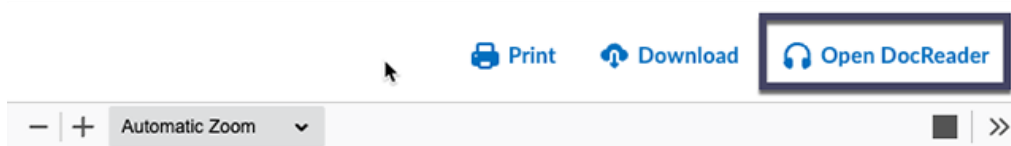


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Student View of New Learner Experience of Brightspace

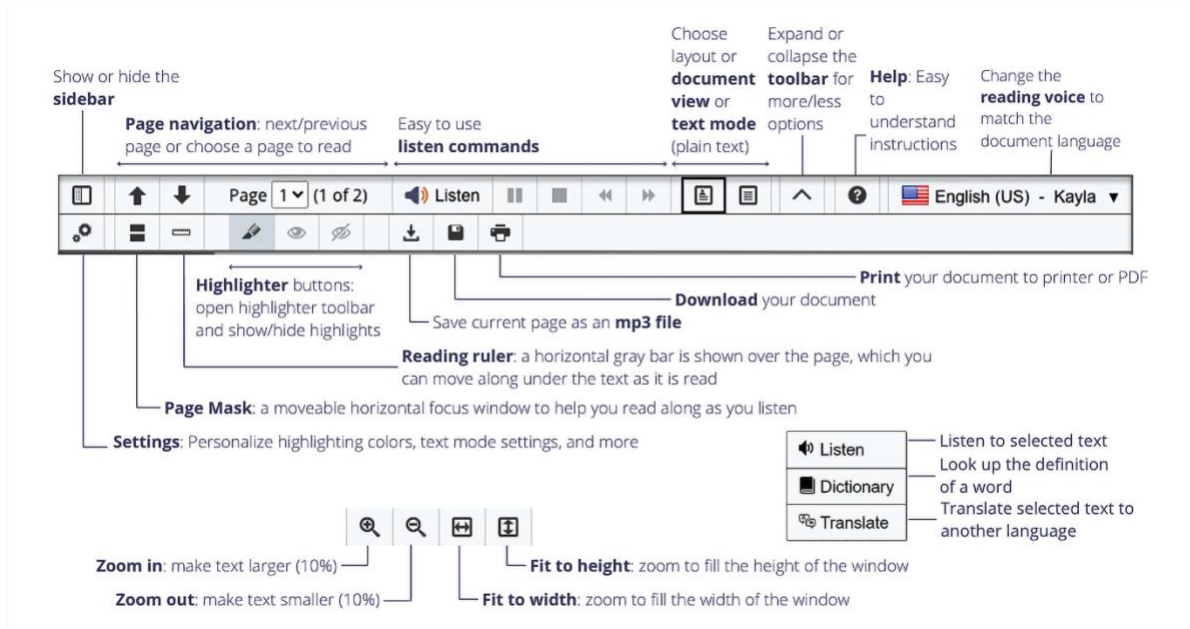
For the student view of the New Learner Experience, follow the steps below to open the ReadSpeaker docReader.

On the screen's upper right-hand corner, click "Open DocReader."



This will reload the document into a readable interface. It has many of the same tools as ReadSpeaker webReader.

ReadSpeaker docReader Explained



How do I read the rest of Brightspace?

First, click on the ReadSpeaker TextAid link in Brightspace. This will set up your TextAid account. Navigate to “Web Reading” on the left menu and click “Computer.” Install the extension for your browser (Chrome, Firefox, Edge, or Opera) and the Web Reader, commonly called the “bookmarklet,” which is suitable for all browsers. When using the other tools in Brightspace or the internet, click on the bookmarklet or extension. Highlight the material and click listen. In Chrome, Edge, and Opera browsers, the extension has a tool called Snapshot that allows you to highlight an image with text and have the text read to you.

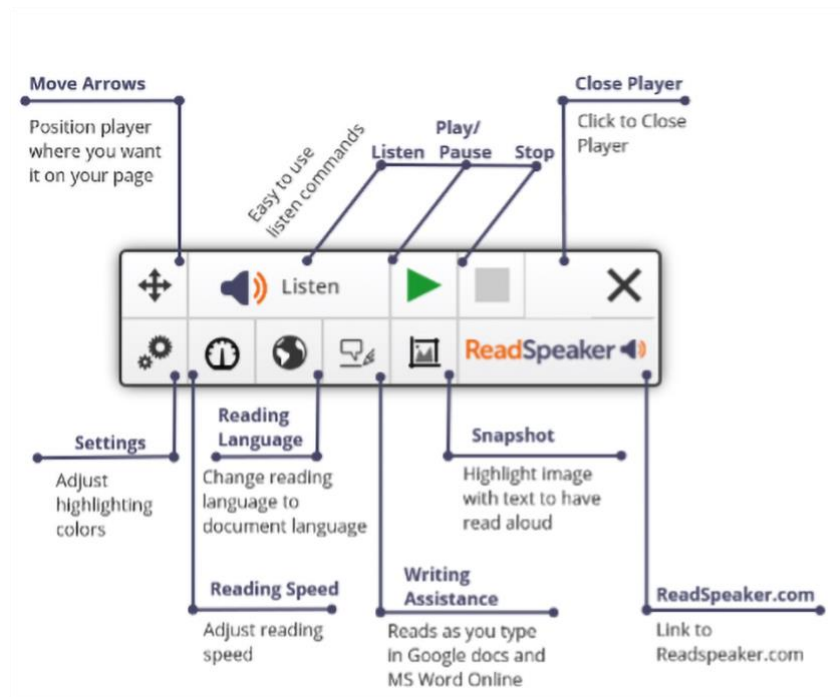
ReadSpeaker TextAid Extension Icon

After installing the ReadSpeaker TextAid Extension, the speaker icon will appear to the right of the URL bar. You will need to pin the icon to your bar.



ReadSpeaker TextAid Extension Explained

The ReadSpeaker TextAid Extension is shown below, and each tool is explained.



ReadSpeaker TextAid Web Reader (Bookmarklet) Explained

The ReadSpeaker TextAid Web Reader is commonly called the bookmarklet. It has many of the same tools as the ReadSpeaker webReader.

