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ReadSpeaker for Canvas: 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 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 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 and Canvas New Quizzes?

First, click on the TextAid link in Canvas. 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. When you are in Canvas New Quizzes and not in a locked browser, then use the TextAid extension. If you are in a locked browser, then use the bookmarklet on Canvas New Quizzes. Below, you will see the images for each of these tools.

TextAid Extension icon

TextAid Extension

TextAid Web Reader (AKA Bookmarklet)