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# Audiobooks Can Help Your Student Read Independently and Become a Confident Learner



If your student is having trouble learning to read or is struggling to keep up with homework, audiobooks can be a powerful tool to **improve reading** comprehension, **boost confidence**, save time on schoolwork and lead to **better grades**.

## How do audiobooks help?

- Bridge the gap between decoding words and assigning meaning
- Improve fluency and vocabulary by audibly reinforcing word recognition
- Provide grade-level content at an efficient pace
- Allow students to independently access text and keep up with peers
- Increase self-esteem and confidence as comprehension improves
- Foster motivation and a love of reading by easing frustrations

## Do audiobooks replace reading instruction?

No, a high quality intervention to support individual remediation is very important, but audiobooks can help struggling readers work independently, keep pace with peers, access grade-level content at an efficient pace and become more effective learners.

### **TIPS FOR SUCCESS**

- 1. Start with 3-5 high interest titles
- 2. Set aside plenty of time to practice listening
- 3. Use comfortable good quality headphones
- 4. Listen while following along with the text or Braille version
- 5. Be flexible, allow listening while lying in bed or coloring a picture
- Experiment with the pitch and speed to find the right fit
- 7. Ask questions and discuss the story

#### **DISCUSSION IDEAS**

- 1. Read along with your student and take turns summarizing sections
- Have your student make predictions about what will happen next
- 3. Provide a specific goal, for example: Listen for 20 minutes and write down all the places the main character visits
- 4. Encourage questions about the story, for example: Do you have any questions about why the main character feels a certain way?
- 5. Draw a picture depicting what happened in the story

