



# First Pages



## Read-To-Me Text-To-Speech

Reading side-by-side with your child is an important way to build literacy, cognitive, and social emotional skills; children also need opportunities to explore books independently. Text-to-speech is one way reading material can be accessible to all children.

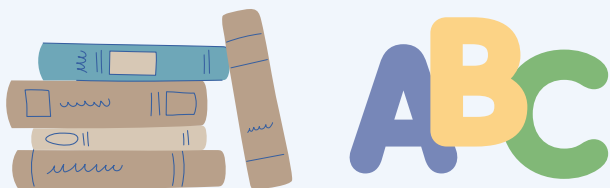


Text-to-speech is a widely available form of assistive technology.



Text-to-speech is now built-in on most personal digital devices.

Text-to-speech applications can give young children access to text well before they can read independently.



Using text-to-speech will **NOT** delay a young child's literacy development or reading skills.

Listening to a book being read aloud while looking at the printed words on a page can help kids build early literacy and reading skills.

Using text-to-speech can provide a multisensory experience for some young children by combining seeing and hearing.



There are many online resources with free audiobooks and digital books for young children.



**Storyline Online**  
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