

ReadSpeaker for Blackboard Learn

BLACKBOARD AND READSPEAKER HAVE PARTNERED TOGETHER TO MAKE CONTENT MORE ENGAGING AND ACCESSIBLE TO MORE LEARNERS WITH AUDIO-ENHANCED LEARNING TOOLS.

The ReadSpeaker building block for Blackboard Learn allows you to speech enable all course content, campus-wide, on the fly and provide a suite of audio-enhanced learning tools. See how you can improve accessibility, support diverse learners with varying learning preferences, and help them successfully complete their courses with the ReadSpeaker features below.



Text to Speech

Reads web pages (content, quizzes, discussions, announcements, etc.) inside the LMS, assisting learners who require or prefer an alternative to text.



MP3 Download

Save audio files of speech-enabled text to access at any time, even while off-line.



Simultaneous Highlighting

Words and sentences are highlighted in color, making it easy to read along as you listen.



Translation

Translate a word or phrase and have the text read in the target language*.



Settings

Personalize reading speed, highlighting colors, and more.



Dictionary

Select a word and find its definition in the dictionary*, assisting with strengthening vocabulary.



Reading Languages

50+ languages* and 200+ voices to choose from.



Document Reading

View and listen to documents on any device with no plugins required, aiding in accessibility.



Read on Hover

Hover over a paragraph of text and it will read aloud automatically.



Browser extensions

Google Chrome, Opera, Microsoft Edge, and Mozilla Firefox.



Enlarge Text

Text being read is displayed at the bottom of the page in large font size, aids not only low vision, but also distracted readers.



Reading, Writing, and Studying Tools

Access to an easy-to-use tool, especially designed for listening to personal documents, annotating research, dictation and more.



Text Mode

View and listen to a clutter-free version of the web page with text only in your preferred font, size, and colors.



Accessibility

The Listen button, the player, and the toolbar are fully keyboard accessible.



Page Mask

Horizontal bar moves along with the reading, shading the rest of the screen, aiding in reducing distractions.



Help

Clear instructions on how to use each feature including keyboard navigation access keys.