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ReadSpeaker for the Open LMS: Accessing webReader, docReader, and TextAid

What is the Listen button that I see?

The Listen button is a ReadSpeaker product called webReader. When you click on it, the text on the page is read. 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! The button is found throughout the Open LMS. It may be located in a "drawer" or directly on the page, depending on how it is installed in your Open LMS environment. The expanded player is shown below.

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

If the file is a document (MS Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Apache Open Office Word, presentation, spreadsheet, ePub, PDF, or rich text), docReader will read it. To do so, click on the sheet of paper with the speaker to the right of the file name. The file opens in a new tab, with a readable interface and many of the tools found in webReader.

ReadSpeaker docReader icon

Expanded ReadSpeaker docReader

How do I read the rest of the internet?

First, click on the TextAid link in your Open LMS. 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. Images of the TextAid Extension, its icon, and the Bookmarklet are shown on the next page.

TextAid Extension icon

TextAid Extension

TextAid Web Reader (AKA Bookmarklet)