

Immersive Reader in Canvas

Hello, today I will show you how to access and an introduction about how to use Immersive Reader inside Canvas.

To access Immersive Reader, you need to open one of our canvas courses and you can find the Immersive Reader option at the top right-hand side of the canvas page. After clicking it on, it will simplify our screen to show only text.

The top right back arrow will allow us to exit the view. You can click on words within the text to highlight them and press the speaker to listen to just that word. Most words will show the picture dictionary underneath to help you understand the word in picture form.

At the bottom, we have our play button which will start reading out the text on our screen for best use, make sure to use some headphones. Next, the play button you have the voice settings, this will let you change the speed of the voice or change the voice selection.

On the top right, we have the AA icon which is text preferences. Once you click on this, it will open a new tab at the side, you can firstly change the text size by clicking and dragging the circle. Under this, you can turn off the increased spacing as it's on by default. You can change the font style and change the theme to have a different background colour. You can toggle off the source formatting and this will show us the original formatting of the text.

Back to the top right, we have the grammar options. Firstly, you can turn on the syllables, which will break up the words to help us say the words. And then we have the option for parts of speech, which allows us to highlight the nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs in this document. You can press the down arrow next to each to change the colour, or you can toggle on labels if the colours are hard to see.

Our last option at the top right is reading preferences. The line focus allows you to narrow the focus of the reading by 1, 2 or 3 lines, which you might find easier to read the text. The picture dictionary, which I showed at the start, is on by default, but you can toggle this off here.

Our last option is Translate, which will allow us to change the text into different languages. Press the arrow next to the option choose a language and find the language you want from the list. I'll use French, and toggle on the option for document, and you'll see the text changes to your chosen language. If you press the play button, it will read this out in your chosen language. And on the top of your screen, you can change this back and forth from the original text to the chosen language.