

## Some Resources that Differentiate Reading Content



Here are some resources that offer reading content at different reading levels.




Here are some tools that you can use to *modify the amount of text being read* or help you *simplify the visual display of the text*, check out this document: [Some Tools to Modify Reading Content](#)




### NOTE:

The content of this document has not been updated for quite a while. As a result some of the information on the tools already listed may be out of date. Some of these tools may no longer exist. Additionally, there are likely newer options that are not listed.

As you explore this document for possible supports, please update any information you find, add new tools, delete others, etc. For each tool you update or add, please indicate your initials and the date you updated the information (e.g. "Updated 5/7/21 LSH") at the top of the comments column. You can also update the REV date in the footer.

Tool	Key Features	Comments
<a href="#">Breaking News English</a> <b>Breaking News English</b> Free Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- interactive content in 7 levels</li><li>- current events, topical content</li><li>- good for English language learners</li><li>- printable activities</li><li>- audio versions available</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- works on iPads</li><li>- can use iPad Speak Selection to listen to text</li></ul>
<a href="#">CommonLit</a>  Free Website Requires log in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- collection of fiction and nonfiction text</li><li>- select a topic area, choose a discussion question, then select content by reading level</li><li>- questions available that are text dependent and/or for discussion</li><li>- can adjust font size</li><li>- can download text</li><li>- identifies paired text options</li><li>- teacher's guide</li><li>- tied to standards</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- works on iPads</li><li>- can use iPad Speak Selection to listen to text</li></ul>
<a href="#">DOGOnews</a>  Fodder for young minds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- current event articles, language arts, science and social studies</li><li>- can select by grade levels</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- can use a text to speech Chrome extension to read dialog box with definitions</li></ul>

<p>Free, \$ Website Sign in as teacher to create lesson plans, etc. Students sign in to create own avatar, follow friends, receive rewards for reading and commenting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- pre-identified interactive vocabulary, maps</li> <li>- word searches</li> <li>- text to speech for articles with highlighting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- provides lesson plans tied to identified CCSS</li> <li>- provides subject area standards, too (e.g. National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies)</li> <li>- works on iPads</li> <li>- can use iPad Speak Selection to listen to text; does not read dialog boxes with definitions</li> </ul>
<p><u><a href="#">For the Teachers</a></u>  Free Website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- leveled content, tagged by skill</li> <li>- sections on the site about differentiation, instructional strategies, lesson plans and more</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- works on iPads</li> <li>- can use iPad Speak Selection to listen to text</li> </ul>
<p><u><a href="#">Newsela</a></u> <u><a href="#">Newsela iPad app</a></u> <u><a href="#">Newsela website</a></u>  Free, Pro Chrome app iPad app Website Need to register</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- non-fiction and current events articles available at 4 lexile levels (for 4th grade and up)</li> <li>- quizzes</li> <li>- annotation tools (Pro version)</li> <li>- teacher tools to assign articles, etc. (Pro version)</li> <li>- ability to track progress (Pro version)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- can use iPad Speak Selection to listen to text</li> </ul>
<p><u><a href="#">ReadWorks</a></u>  Free Website Need to register</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- can select/search reading passages by keyword, topic area, lexile/grade level, text type, skill/strategy</li> <li>- some of the reading passages have accompanying question sets</li> <li>- also have content organized by lessons and units ... skill and strategy units, reading comprehension units and novel studies</li> <li>- content you locate can be saved to binders for easy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PDFs can be opened in Chrome, but can't use free text to speech supports. Read&amp;Write for Google's PDF Reader will support reading aloud.</li> <li>- works on iPad ... but need to download (as PDF) and then can open in iBooks, Voice Dream Reader, etc. and read aloud</li> </ul>

	retrieval - reading passages can be downloaded as PDFs	
<a href="#">The Brain from Top to Bottom</a>  Free Website	This is an example of a website that offers content at different levels of explanation.	To support with text to speech, consider using one of these subscription based tools: <a href="#">Read&amp;Write for Google Chrome</a> (screenshot reader) <a href="#">Snap&amp;Read Universal</a>  - works on iPads - can use iPad Speak Selection to listen to text
<a href="#">ThinkCERCA</a>  Free, \$ Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- leveled informational text</li> <li>- key vocabulary marked</li> <li>- audio support</li> <li>- multiple choice questions</li> <li>- create classrooms, assign readings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- not sure what features are available in the free version</li> <li>- works on iPads (tested in Preview)</li> <li>- can use iPad Speak Selection to listen to text</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Tween Tribune</a>  Free (requires log in) Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- news articles on a variety of topics</li> <li>- broken down by K-4, 5-8, 9-12</li> <li>- Spanish</li> <li>- create classrooms, assign readings</li> <li>- some articles have quizzes</li> <li>- students can comment on articles (private or public)</li> </ul>	From the Smithsonian  - works on iPads - can use iPad Speak Selection to listen to text