

# Why can't I skip my 20 minutes of reading tonight?

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Student "A" reads  
**20 minutes** each day  
7,300 minutes in a year  
**3,650,000 words**



**90<sup>th</sup> percentile**

Student "B" reads  
**5 minutes** each day  
1,825 minutes in a year  
**572,000 words**



**50<sup>th</sup> percentile**

Student "C" reads  
**1 minute** each day  
365 minutes in a year  
**16,000 words**



**10<sup>th</sup> percentile**

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Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?  
Which student would you expect to be more successful in school... and in life?



## Did you know?

- ▶ All kids experience learning losses when they do not read during the summer.
- ▶ Low-income students lose more than two months in reading skills; their middle-class peers make slight gains, which has a long term effect called the “achievement gap.”
- ▶ More than half of the achievement gap between lower- and higher-income youth can be explained by unequal summer learning opportunities. As a result, low-income youth are less likely to graduate from high school or enter college.

*School's out! Whoopee!*

**Now's the time to kick back, relax, and read, read, READ!**

The very best way to **keep your brain super smart** is to read each and every day.

Wondering where to get started? The library is your best bet.

