

## SUPPORTING STRUGGLING READERS WITH AUDIOBOOKS

### 7 Ways the Learning Ally Audiobook Solution™ Benefits Struggling Readers in Any Classroom



Let's move students from struggling to succeeding. Here are seven ways the Learning Ally Audiobook Solution™ can help educators support struggling readers in any classroom so they can excel in their studies.

#### **1. Provides access to grade-level content**

The Audiobook Solution levels the playing field by allowing struggling readers to access grade-level content aligned to their cognitive level rather than their reading ability so they can develop essential vocabulary and background knowledge, accelerating their learning. With a library of 80,000+ audiobooks, it has all the books students need to read and the ones they want to read.

#### **2. Eliminates the stigma of leveled reading groups**

Leveled readers can greatly benefit students who struggle with decoding and phonemic awareness, but may also leave them feeling stigmatized or left out because they're not reading the same texts as their peers. The Audiobook Solution allows struggling readers to consume the same books as their peers so they can participate in class discussions and gain confidence.

#### **3. Teaches vocabulary and summarization skills**

While audiobooks can't replace practicing reading with decodable text, the read-along highlighted text feature of the Audiobook Solution helps model fluent reading. To ensure students understand what they read, it includes embedded dictionaries and annotation capabilities so they can easily look up new words and practice summarizing what they have read.

#### **4. Supplements direct instruction**

In many classrooms, there is only enough time to do close reading activities with short books or excerpts of long books. The Audiobook Solution features an extensive library of curriculum-aligned titles. They can be shared with the whole class for close reading activities; then, struggling readers can finish books independently, saving valuable class time for discourse and critical thinking exercises.



### 5. Promotes independent reading

Getting students to read on their own can be a struggle, but the Audiobook Solution can help. With a library of titles that includes popular fiction and series, classic literature, and more, students of any age are sure to find something that interests them. They can even download books directly to their device to read offline, providing anytime, anywhere access.

### 6. Gives teachers an easy-to-implement reading solution

For a solution to be effective, it has to be used. The Audiobook Solution is easy to set up and features intuitive use for both teachers and students. Implementation is so quick and easy, students can usually begin reading on the same day. Educators will love the web-based teacher portal, allowing them to view their students' progress from anywhere. They'll also appreciate that it is device-agnostic; their students can read on any school-issued or personal device, important especially when school-issued devices are sparse.

### 7. Supports differentiated instruction

The benefits of differentiation are well documented, but many educators are stretched too thin to create new lesson plans for every student. The Learning Ally Audiobook Solution™ allows students to set their own reading pace and control the size, spacing and brightness of the font, customizing the experience to their learning needs. Built-in progress monitoring and the ability for educators to communicate directly with their students make providing differentiated instruction a breeze.

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