

6 Discover Audio Books



Audio books are a wonderful way to fit reading in anywhere! You can listen

to audio books while on a road trip in the car, snuggling in a cozy bed, or while enjoying a nice summer day outside. Not only are audio books convenient, but they

also provide important benefits. Your child will be expanding her imagination, vocabulary, listening comprehension, and more!

Audio books not your thing? Try a podcast made for kids! Podcasts are free and there are so many to choose from! Podcasts can be educational or silly, have bite-sized stories, or feature music. Here are a few to get you started:

- *But Why: A Podcast for Curious Kids*
- *Smash, Boom, Best*
- *The Two Princes*
- *Ear Snacks*
- *The Past & the Curious*
- *Book Club for Kids*
- *What If World*
- *Wow in the World*

Learning Ally

If your child has a documented learning disability, visual impairment, or physical disability, they may qualify for Learning Ally. This non-profit organization is committed to providing audio books to help kids experience the many benefits of consuming text without the struggle of reading. Learn more about this wonderful organization and how to qualify by following the link below.

<http://bit.ly/Learning-Ally>

7 Read Aloud



Reading aloud to children creates a lifetime interest in reading. If you start reading

to your children while they are young, they will be much more likely to grow into the habit of reading. And when

they associate reading with happy memories, they are more likely to persist in learning to read, even when they run into occasional roadblocks in the process.

Reading to young children extends their attention spans. Don't overdo it at first. You might need to start with just ten minutes of read-aloud time, and then gradually extend the time until your child is able to maintain full attention for longer periods. A longer attention span will help a child perform better both in school subjects and in real-life projects.

Reading aloud to children also aids in language development. As children listen to you read, they assimilate strong language skills. They pick up correct word pronunciation, word usage, and grammar. Their working vocabulary increases and they internalize correct sentence structure. All these skills will eventually transfer to their own speaking and writing. Improper grammar will begin to sound wrong to them, and they will be more likely to choose good grammar when they communicate. By demonstrating fluency, reading aloud to your child will also help him become a more fluent reader.

Helpful Tip

Do your children have a hard time sitting still during read-alouds? Many kids do! However, reading aloud for twenty minutes a day is important. That's why we've compiled 10 tips for reading aloud to kids who can't sit still! You can find the article by following the link below.

<http://bit.ly/Reading-to-Active-Kids>