



How to Improve Reading Speed and Comprehension for 4th to 12th Graders

1. Find out what your child's present level of reading speed and reading comprehension are and what is their present Grade Point Average and SAT scores, if appropriate
2. How would it change your child's life if they improved their *reading comprehension* by 2, 3 or even 4 grade levels over the next 6 months? How would it help your child if they improved their reading speed by 50 to 100%? How would it effect:
 - a. The classes they are in and their grade point average
 - b. Their performance on standardized tests
 - c. Homework time and stress
 - d. Prospects for getting into the college or university of their choice
 - e. Chances of getting a \$20,000 or \$30,000 scholarship

Note, discuss this with your child and if appropriate, create a WHY Document, why you want this and why your child wants it.

- 3- Have a positive, open conversation with your child about how they feel. Listen to their fears, their ideas of what they want and what they like. Give positive support and together make a list of ideas that they want help on. As you work on this list - take note of what strategies work and what doesn't work. Make as many activities hands-on or active as possible.
4. Strongly consider getting an outside evaluation that assesses for:
 - a. How your child learns best.
 - b. Their strengths and challenges
 - c. Their present level of reading fluency and reading comprehension

The two most common items that are missed are:

- 1- If your child is a right-brain neurodivergent learner who learns best when they see and experience information
- 2- Does your child have a visual processing issue, where they skips words and lines when reading, process information slowly and make too many stupid mistakes because they miss important information.

We recommend sitting down with your child and completing these two screening tools:

[Click here to see if your child is a right-brain neurodivergent learner.](#)

[Click here to see if your child has a visual processing issue.](#)

5. Set BOLD Goals for your child. Let's say your child is presently 2 years behind in reading comprehension. Consider a goal to get your child back to grade level within months. We recommend including a non-academic goal in an area of interest to your child. This might be in sports, music, martial arts or another area of interest to your child.
- 6- Follow through for maximum results.
- 7- Being consistent is key! These kids need structure and a visual schedule to follow.

3D Learner can help with all 7 steps

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