



Educational Resources List

READING

1. [Audible](#)

Audible, as part of Amazon, offers a 30-day free trial that includes 1 audiobook and 2 Audible Originals. Existing Amazon Prime customers can access Audible content and features at no additional cost to their membership. There are thousands of audiobooks for kids (with suggestions based on certain ages) and teens. Audible allows readers to read along as the book is read aloud to them. The site also offers downloads available in many different languages.

2. [Storyline Online](#)

This award-winning children's literacy website streams videos of celebrated actors reading children's books. The videos include the books' images and text and have additional subtitles for students to follow along. Reading aloud to children has been shown to improve reading, writing and communication skills, logical thinking and concentration, and general academic aptitude, as well as inspire a lifelong love of reading. The site is easy to navigate and select books for reading.

3. [Just Books Read Aloud](#)

Similar to Storyline Online, Just Books Read Aloud offers videos of a selection of children's books read aloud to students. The videos feature artwork from the books and have subtitles for the students to read along.

4. [Into the Book](#)

This site assists with teaching strengthening students' reading strategies to apply while reading any kind of material. These strategies include: visualizing, questioning, evaluating, prior knowledge, synthesizing, making connections, inferring, and summarizing. There are videos for students to watch to learn about the strategies, and then online activities to perform to test their retention of concepts. Directions are typed on the screen, as well as read aloud for students to follow along. Completed activities can be saved with the creation of a free account and bilingual options are available as well.

5. [Free Children's Stories](#)

Founded in 2008, freechildrenstories.com operates on the simple principle that children's development is paramount. Their mission is to offer traditional, meaningful storytelling to every child, parent, or teacher around the globe with access to the internet, for free.

6. [Starfall](#)

While some areas of Starfall are part of their premium service, they have many early reader stories available for free. Students can follow along as the story is read to them and can, in some instances, help create their own story. The website is highly engaging and a favorite of young readers.

7. [TumbleBooks](#)

TumbleBooks is a pay-for-use site that traditionally sells licenses to libraries and schools. Many public libraries offer free access to their TumbleBooks account. Students can follow along as the text is read to them to help improve comprehension and fluency. Choose from picture books to chapter books.

8. [International Children's Digital Library](#)

Discover books from around the world at the International Children's Digital Library. The free site does not read the books aloud, but students can read them independently during Read to Self or free time. This is a great site for extension activities when learning about different regions of the world and can be used effectively into the middle school grades.

9. [ABCya!](#)

Children can listen to short stories read aloud to them as they follow along with the highlighted text. ABCya! has a variety of educational games in addition to the featured stories. Free resources and materials are available for grades K through 5.

10. [Storynory](#)

Storynory features a collection of original, fairy tale, and classic children's audio stories. Students can follow along with the story as it is read to them, as the text is also included on the site. There are also some great features available that give you the option of downloading the audio to your computer, listening to "catch phrase" explanations, translating text into different languages (especially helpful for your ELL students!), and more.

11. [Oxford Owl](#)

After registering for a free account, you have access to over 250 children's audio books that can be used in the classroom. The book text is not part of the presentation, so students will not be able to follow along as it is read to them.

SCIENCE

1. [Switchzoo](#)

Switchzoo offers an online activity where students can "create a zoo" by taking different parts from existing animal species and making their own animals. Students can learn by reading (no audio available) about all of the different animals while creating their zoo. There is also music (made from animal noises) and a few short educational videos.

2. [National Geographic Young Explorers](#)

National Geographic Young Explorers is a magazine designed specifically for kindergarten and first grade students. Children can listen to the magazine being read to them as they follow along with the highlighted text. It is a great way to bring interesting non-fiction stories into reading center time.

BODY MOVEMENT

1. [GoNoodle](#)

GoNoodle® engages with movement and mindfulness videos created by child development experts. The GoNoodle website and app are free and work to make childrens' screen time an active time. Videos and games get kids up and moving to stay active wherever they are.

GAMES

1. [PBS Kids](#)

This interactive learning site provides online activities themes around kids shows and games on the PBS Kids TV channel. The content includes curriculum-based entertainment with positive role models and is designed to nurture childrens' total well-being. Games aim to build knowledge, critical thinking, imagination and curiosity. There is a tab for available resources for parents as well, such as activities and tips for facilitating playing and learning at home.

2. [FunBrain Games](#)

Created for kids in pre-kindergarten through 8th grade, FunBrain Games has been the leader in free educational games for kids since 1997. Funbrain offers hundreds of games, books, comics, and videos that develop skills in math, reading, problem-solving and literacy. Educators and parents can trust our site to provide a fun and safe experience both at home and at school. Content can be browsed by grade or type (Games, Videos, Books).

MISCELLANEOUS CONTENT

1. [BrainPOP and BrainPOP Jr.](#)

This online learning resource works to support core and supplemental subjects and aims to help kids create, construct, and collaborate as they explore their world. BrainPOP focuses on curriculum at the elementary and middle school age, while BrainPOP Jr. is geared towards grades K-3. There are online videos (read aloud with subtitles to follow) interactive activities to practice applying learned material, and quizzes to challenge understanding and retention. The following subjects are offered: Science, Health, Reading and Writing, Social Studies, Math, and Arts and Technology.

2. [Learn@Home](#)

YouTube created a platform for learning to continue and flourish while families are together at home. They have partnered with learning creators to bring parents & families resources and activities. These resources are not meant to replace homework assigned by teachers, but meant to complement that work. Videos can be filtered and divided by ages and subjects (math, science, humanities, electives).

3. [National Geographic Kids](#)

National Geographic Kids provides a variety of educational activities on various different subjects and topics. There are games, quizzes, activities, and videos to learn about animals, science, history, the environment, and more. This site is best suited for elementary age students.

4. [Seussville](#)

All things Dr. Seuss! Seussville is an online resource to watch animations of Dr. Seuss stories and books, explore different Dr. Seuss characters, and play Dr. Seuss themed games. Storybook videos include animations similar to the stories and audible narration, however most videos do not have subtitles for students to read along.

5. [Starfall](#)

Starfall Education Foundation creates free and low-cost experiences whereby children can successfully learn through exploration. On the Starfall website and in Starfall classrooms, children have fun while learning in an environment of collaboration, wonderment, and play. They teach through positive reinforcement to ensure children become confident, intrinsically motivated, and successful. Starfall content is divided into two sections: pre-kindergarten to kindergarten and Grades 1-3. Various videos, songs, and activities are available for math, reading, history, and art and music.