



Learning Ally and the role of Assistive Technology in Dyslexia Treatment

Presentation to:

Lexercise

Formerly Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic®

Learning Ally™ 

Making reading accessible for all.™

Agenda

- **Overview of Learning Ally**
- **Value and benefits of Learning Ally in the Treatment of Dyslexia**
 - Why Learning Ally
 - Research Proven Program
 - Audiobook Library
 - Listening to Audiobooks
 - Who Can Use Learning Ally Audiobooks
- **Next Steps**
 - Getting Started
 - Already A Member
 - Becoming A Member

Who We Are

National non-profit organization providing more than 60 years of service

- Serving more than 300,000 K-12, college, graduate students, veterans and life long learners
- Dedicated to helping students who learn differently succeed
- Providing instructional materials in accessible formats and mainstream assistive technology tools
- Human recordings of **Core Curriculum Content**
 - ✓ Textbooks
 - ✓ Supplemental Materials
 - ✓ Popular and Classic Literature Titles
- Identifying opportunities to strengthen relationships between parents and educators

Why Learning Ally

Provide assistance to meet federal requirements of providing FAPE (**Free and Appropriate Public Education**) by creating and distributing textbooks for students with print disabilities

- **Chafee Amendment**
- **Compliance to IDEA**
- **Helps meet accountability standards under NCLB**
- **Valuable source of Assistive Technology: AIM or Accessible Instructional Materials**

Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM)

Textbooks are the most frequently used piece of the curriculum and one of the most important elements of a student's education. Other types of AIM exist, but Learning Ally focuses on curricular text and literature.

Other types of AIM include:

- **Braille**
- **Large Print**
- **Human voice digital audio**
- **Text to Speech**
- **E-Text**



Why Learning Ally

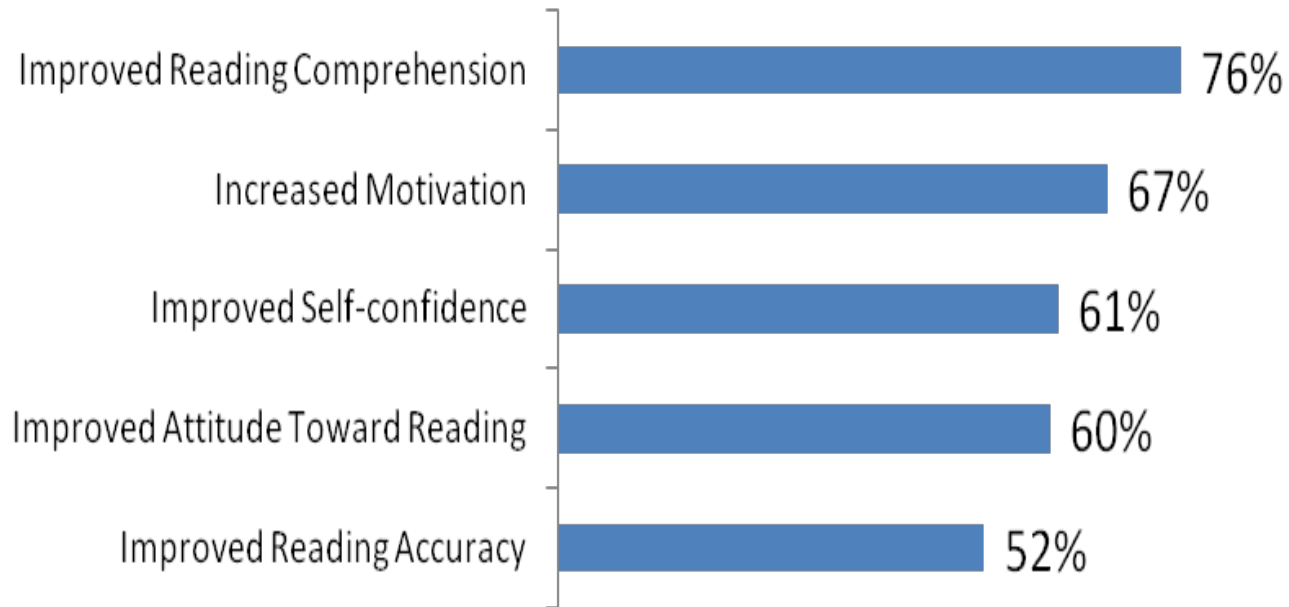
Learning Ally's Audiobooks can be:

- Used as part of your Special Education Program
- Used to complement reading intervention programs
(e.g. Read 180, Wilson Reading System, Reading First)
- Included in IEPs
- Included in 504 plans as adaptation for assessment and classwork

Learning Ally's Audiobooks help students

- Access content in the classroom and/or at home
- Minimize "one-on-one" instructional time in the classroom and at home

We Improve Our Members' Ability to Learn... and Thrive



The Impact is Real!

Primary research and case studies available from Tufts, Rutgers, and Johns Hopkins University.

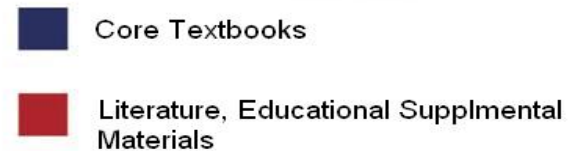
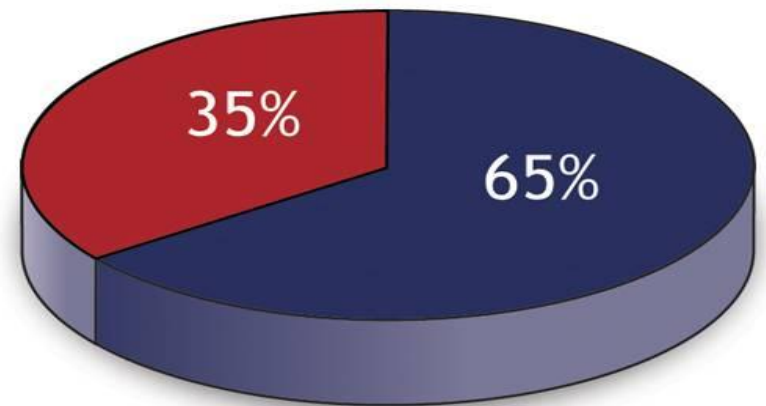
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Students can achieve these results by using some of the following tips:

- **Follow along in the text while listening to the audio.**
- **Take advantage of the speed adjustments that are built in to each Learning Ally book. Slow the text down or speed it up.**
- **Use the bookmark feature to add notes to a specific portion of the book, or as a reminder of a quiz or specific study material. This can be a helpful study organization tool.**
- **Follow our website to learn new ways to use us:
www.learningally.org**

Our Book Collection

- The largest human recorded audio textbook library
- Access to more than 70,000 digitally recorded titles
- Core Curriculum Content Standards
- Available
 - K-12
 - College
 - Graduate
 - Post Graduate



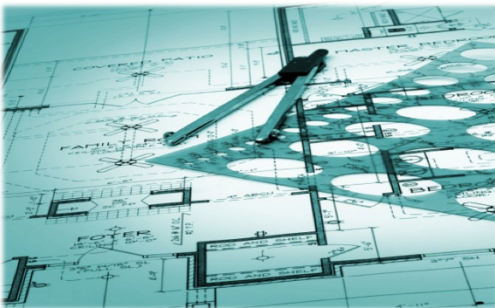
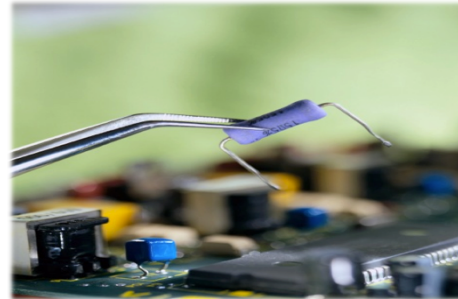
Our Book Collection

Only fully accessible content provider for **STEM** books

Science



Technology



Engineering



Math

How do I listen to Learning Ally Audiobooks?



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Who can use Learning Ally audiobooks

Students or an individual with print disabilities

This can include a person that is:

- Blind
- Visually Impaired
- Documented Learning Disability
- Dyslexia
- Reading Disorder
- Physical Disability

Who are Certifiers

Blindness Visual Impairment

- Physician - Ophthalmologist
- Optometrist – Vision Teacher
- NLS Library – Verification of NLS readership

Physical Disability

- Physical or medical professional
- Physical Therapist
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Special Education Teacher

Learning Disability

- Neurologist
- Psychologist (background in Learning Disability)
- Learning Disability Specialist
- Special Education Teacher

Action Steps – Becoming A Member: Schools

- Identify students that can benefit
- Go online to <http://www.learningally.org/Membership/Schools-and-Educators/26/> to find more information and apply or
- Contact our Education Specialist
Phone: 800-221-1098

Action Steps – Becoming A Member: Individuals

- Go online to <http://www.learningally.org/Membership/Individuals-and-Families/24/> to find more information and apply or
- **Contact our Education Specialist**
Phone: 800-221-1098
- Send in certification information

Action Steps - Members

Four easy steps to accessing your audiobooks:

1. Activating Your Online Ordering Account

- Membership ID number
- Valid email address

2. Install Learning Ally Audiobook manager

3. Search and order books using the online book catalog

4. Select and download your book to your favorite listening device

In Closing...

- Over 60 years of helping people with print disabilities
- Learning Ally helps more than 300,000 students annually
- Proven program to drive students success in the classroom and beyond
- Learning Ally is the only fully accessible content provider for **STEM** books
- Learning Ally audiobooks is accessible on mainstream assistive technology



Question Time!