



How audio books teach readers

Type of Reader	Benefits of Listening	Suggested Titles from School Download Library
Beginning Readers Ages 4-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening comprehension precedes reading comprehension • Exposure to a variety of speech patterns increases oral fluency • Audio paired with text develops reading skills • Increases “read-aloud” time for the tired parent or overworked teacher 	<i>The House at Pooh Corner</i> A.A. Milne <i>The Reluctant Dragon</i> Kenneth Graham <i>The Story of Dr. Dolittle</i> Hugh Lofting <i>Thumbelina and Other Fairy Tales</i> Hans Christian Andersen <i>The Sleeping Beauty and Other Fairy Tales from the Old French</i> Arthur Thomas Quiller-Couch
Independent Readers Ages 8-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps busy kids find more time to read • Adding audio books increases number of books children read • Dialects are made easier & contextual • Improves reading test scores • Exposure to multicultural stories 	<i>The Secret Garden</i> Frances Hodgson Burnett <i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass - An American Slave</i> Frederick Douglass <i>The Land of Oz</i> L. Frank Baum <i>Peter Pan</i> James Barrie <i>King Kong</i> Edgar Wallace
Young Adult Readers Ages 12 and Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MP3 players make reading “cool” • Stimulates imagination • Improves oral expression and writing skills • Opportunity to complete reading assignments and keep up with special interests 	<i>The Return of Sherlock Holmes Volume I</i> Sir Arthur Conan Doyle <i>A Tale of Two Cities</i> Charles Dickens <i>A Beautiful Mind</i> Sylvia Nasar <i>The Dharma Bums</i> Jack Kerouac <i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i> Ken Kesey
Challenged Readers ESL, Learning Disabled, Reluctant Readers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps with vocabulary, comprehension, pronunciation • Draws in reluctant readers • A boon for auditory learners • Increases intergenerational literacy 	<i>Barron's EZ-101 Study Keys: American Literature</i> Francis E. Skipp, Ph.D. <i>Improve Your American English Accent</i> Charlsie Childs <i>The Children's Homer</i> Padriac Colum <i>Grimm's Fairy Tales</i> Brothers Grimm <i>Stuart's Cape</i> Sara Pennypacker