# ReadSpeaker

**ReadSpeaker** is a presentation tool designed to enhance student learning by reading text from pages within D2L. This technology also offers students the ability to download a version of the document as an audio file for use on all devices. This text-to-speech service helps all learners with comprehension as well as ease of use.

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## Using ReadSpeaker

1. Wherever **ReadSpeaker** is available to read the text for students, such as a file in Content, a quiz, discussion thread, or instructions in an assignment, a **[Listen]** button displays. The **ReadSpeaker** icon is visible when viewing assignment instructions, evaluating assignments, taking or previewing a quiz, evaluating quizzes, and viewing discussion threads & posts.



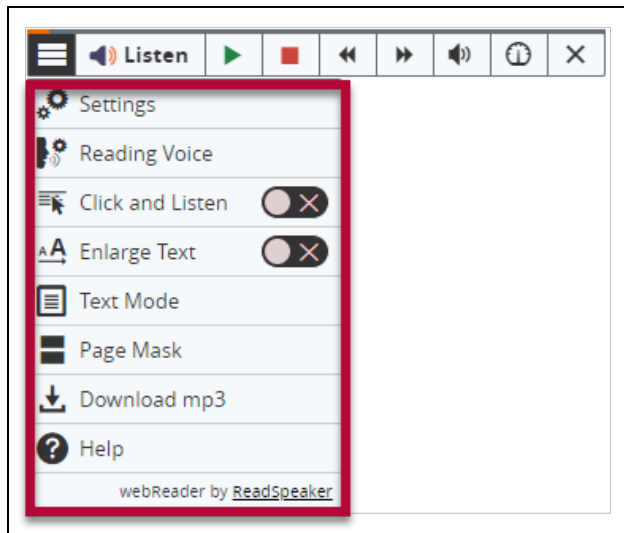2. After you press **[Listen]**, you will toggle the **ReadSpeaker toolbar**:



   These options allow users to:
   - ▶ Pause/Play/Restart audio
   - ■ Stop audio
   - ◀◀ | ▶▶ Skip backwards or forwards five seconds at a time
   - 🔊 Adjust player volume
   - ⊕ Adjust reading speed
   - ✕ Close the player

3. The **[webReader Menu]** can be found by clicking the bar icon at the left-end of the toolbar. This menu will allow for a variety of customizable options to enhance reader experience and accessibility.
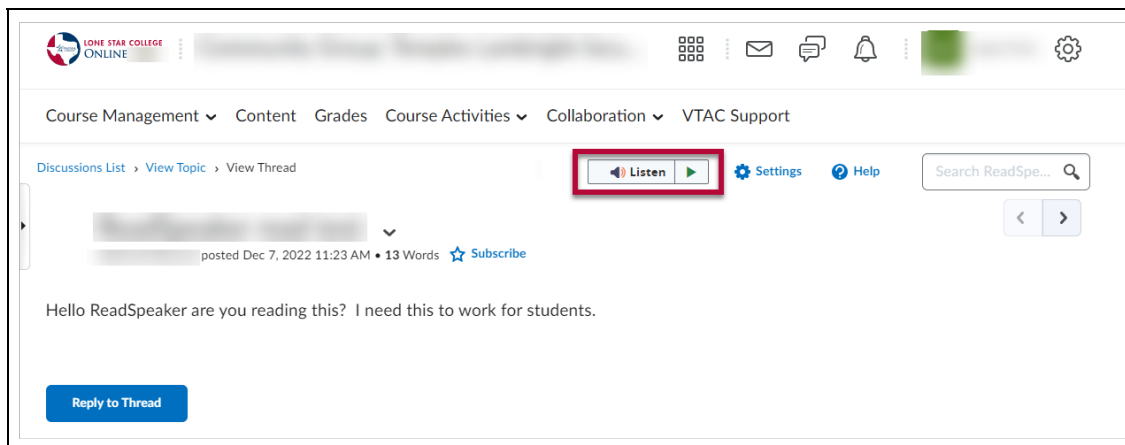
For more information, please refer to YouTube playlist by ReadSpeaker (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzolVBaJsc0&list=PLVqWGX39IRjWh4DM83_V6OQbb2jlHcHra&index=2), or the ReadSpeaker website (https://www.readspeaker.com/solutions/text-to-speech-online/readspeaker-webreader/).
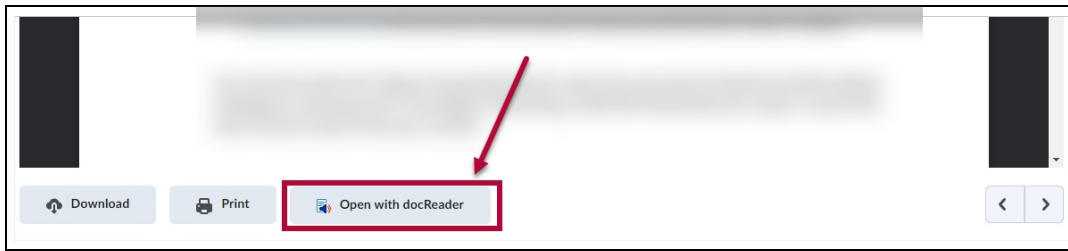
## ReadSpeaker in Discussion

Starting in December 2022, **ReadSpeaker** is available to use in **D2L Discussions**, allowing students to listen to the posts made by themselves and their fellow classmates. Click on **[Listen]** to toggle the **ReadSpeaker toolbar**.
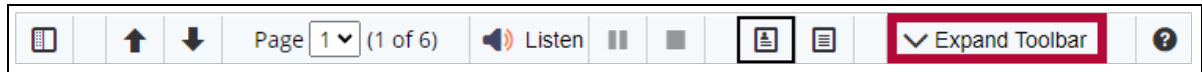


## Using ReadSpeaker with DocReader

**ReadSpeaker** can also read documents that were uploaded into D2L. In the case of uploaded documents, you will use the **DocReader** tool.
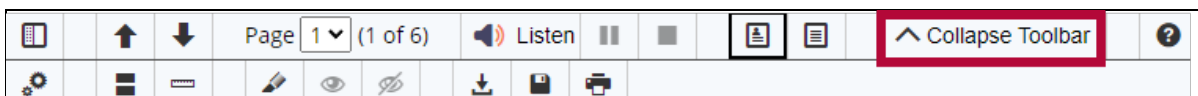
1. From the **Content** page, select the module that contains the document you would like to open with **DocReader**, then click the link to the document to open the document viewer.

2. After the document opens, click **[Open with docReader]** below the document viewer.

3. You will see a toolbar across the top of the window that opens. Click on **[Expand Toolbar]**.



4. This will expand the toolbar to show additional options.



The toolbar enables you to browse, read, and listen to the document. When you click on **[Listen]**, the full page will be read section by section. You can explicitly select a section of text to be read. You can mouse over each icon to verify their function.