

# Why is reading aloud so important?

## It's an opportunity for modeling.



1. Explore how readers construct meaning from a text.
2. Teach students to slow down and monitor thinking.
3. Demonstrate strategies.
4. Share examples and dive deeper.

## It makes complex ideas more accessible.



Students can listen on a higher level than they can read.

## It improves vocabulary and comprehension.

1. Hearing the word improves pronunciation.
2. Discussing the context helps build understanding of the word.



## It develops a child's social and emotional learning (SEL).

1. Discuss difficult issues through stories.
2. Provide opportunities to practice targeted SEL skills, like increasing empathy.

## It sparks curiosity.

Help students discover new worlds of information by sharing unfamiliar ideas in read-alouds.



**The most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children.<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> R. Anderson, E. Hiebert, A. Wilkinson  
Becoming a nation of readers: the report of the commission on reading  
US Department of Education, Washington, DC (1985)  
<https://eric.ed.gov/?id=ED253865>