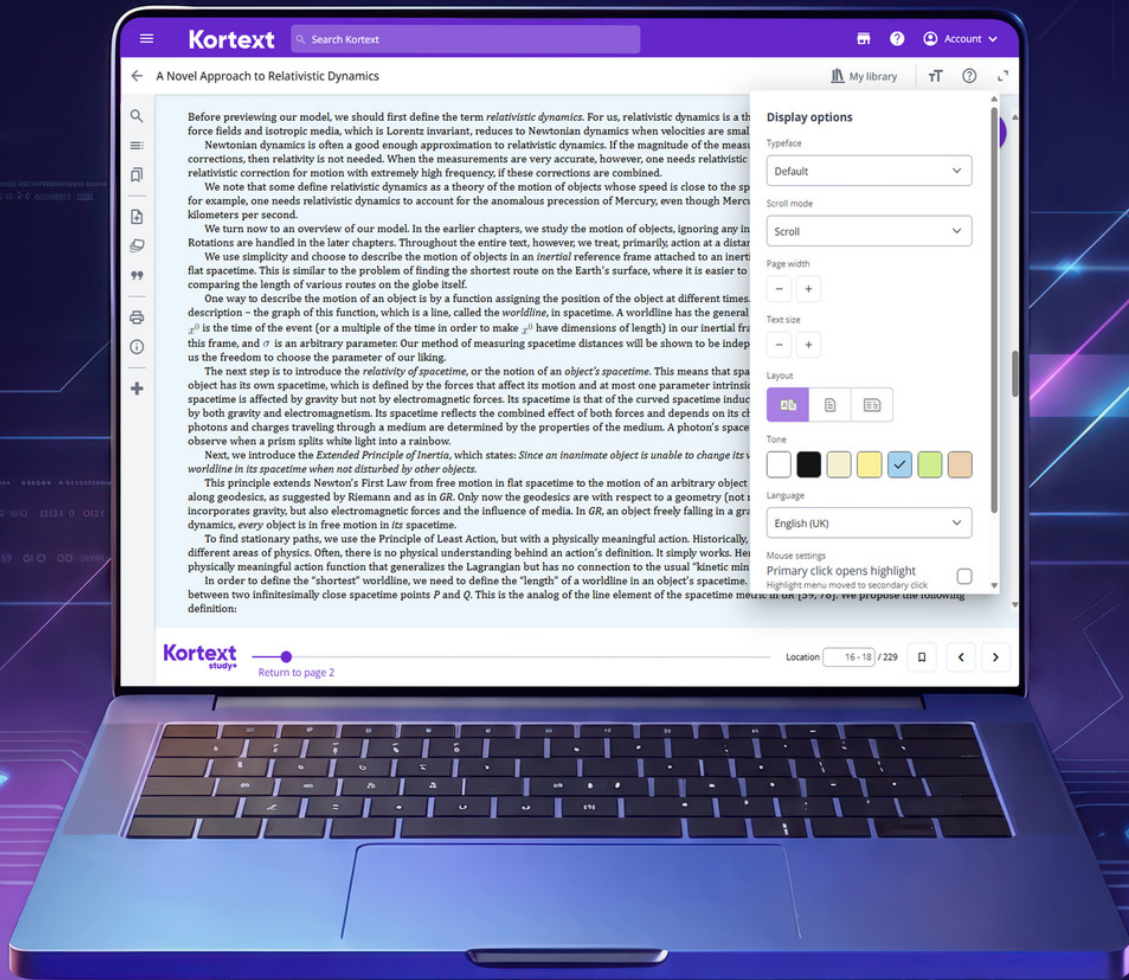




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Display options

Customise your display with a range of options that support accessibility in the text. Display options differ depending on the format of the book.

EPUB titles

Typeface

Change the typeface with a range of different fonts to suit your needs, including [OpenDyslexic](#). This font is designed in a way that makes words easier for dyslexic people to read, such as using letters with more weighty bottoms to help letter identification.

Scroll mode

- **Pages** – a more rigid structure that sections the book into pages, more akin to reading a physical book.
- **Scroll** – a continuously flowing text that provides a smoother reading experience with limited interruption by page breaks.

Page width

Use the – icon to reduce the page width and the + icon to increase the page width.

Text size

Use the – icon to make the text size smaller and the + icon to make the text larger.

Layout

Choose the way you see your book with a single-page view, a double-page spread, or an automated option.

Tone

Choose the background colour of your book from a range of options shown in the menu.

Interface language

Change the language of the Kortext interface from a range of options in the drop-down menu.

Primary click opens highlight

If this checkbox is ticked, primary clicking on a highlight will bring up the **Add note** menu, enabling easy access to edit notes and highlights.

Display options

Read our [Accessibility Statement here](#)

Typeface

Default

Scroll mode

Scroll

Page width

– +

Text size

– +

Layout

Tone

Interface language

English (UK)

Mouse settings

Primary click opens highlight ☐
Highlight menu moved to secondary click

 Reset to default

PDF titles

Page display

- > **Fit to width** – clicking this button will fit the page to the width of your screen.
- > **Fit to height** – clicking this button will fit the page to the height of your screen.
- > **Zoom in** – click this button to make your page bigger in small increments.
- > **Zoom out** – click this button to make your page smaller in small increments.

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Read aloud

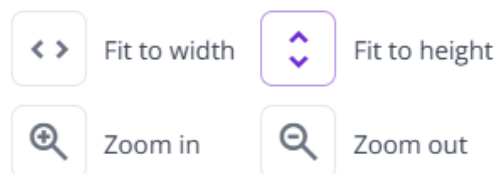
The Kortext eReader supports a read aloud function on the web browser and on our Windows, iOS and Android apps, so you can listen to your book instead of reading it from the page.

Our **Read aloud** feature has different settings based on the operating system your device uses. Read on to find out how to access the **Read aloud** function on your device.

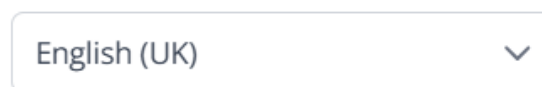
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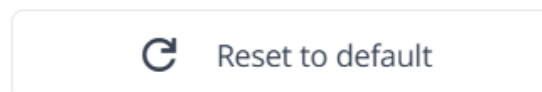


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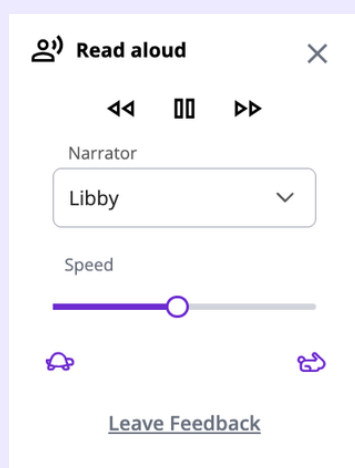
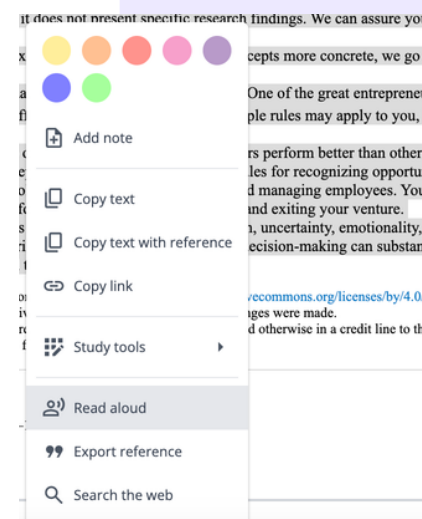


Accessing Read aloud on the web browser

Open a book by selecting its thumbnail from your bookshelf.

Highlight the text you want to hear and select **Read aloud** from the pop-up menu.

Playback will begin, and a movable control panel will appear in the bottom-right corner of the page.



Use the controls << || >> to rewind, pause, or fast-forward.

To change the voice, select a different option from the Narrator drop-down menu.

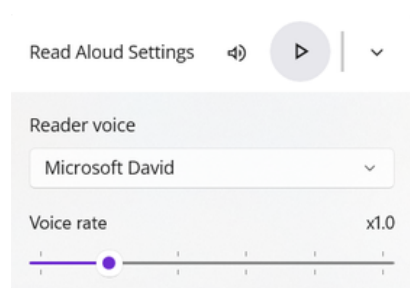
To adjust the reading speed, use the Speed slider. Move it towards the tortoise icon (🐢) to slow playback or towards the hare icon (🐇) to increase speed.

Accessing Read aloud on the Windows desktop app

Open a book by selecting its thumbnail from your bookshelf.

Highlight the text you want to hear and select  Read aloud from the pop-up menu.

Use the purple control panel in the bottom-right corner of the eReader to customise playback:



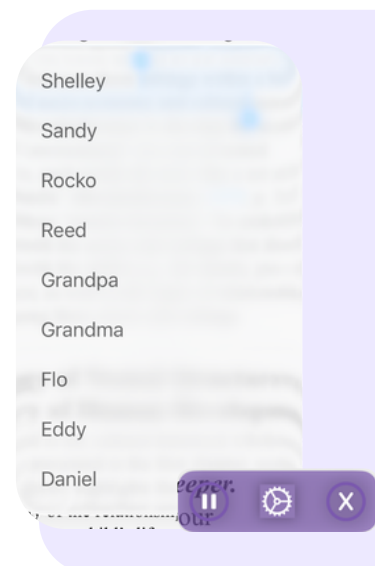
> Click the **pause** icon to pause playback.

> Click the **cog** icon to change the **voice** and adjust the **reading speed**.

Accessing Voice Over on the iOS mobile app

To use the **Read aloud** feature, first open a book by clicking its thumbnail in the bookshelf. You can choose to have a section of text read aloud to you, or the whole page.

Highlight text by holding down and adjusting the highlighted area using the blue cursors. From the pop-up menu, click the  icon.

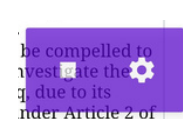


Accessing Read aloud on the Android mobile app

To use the **Read aloud** feature, first open a book by clicking its thumbnail in the bookshelf. You can choose to have a section of text read aloud to you, or the whole page.

Highlight the section of text you'd like to be read aloud by holding down the area of the page and dragging the blue cursors to adjust your selection. From the pop-up menu, click the  icon.

The Kortext eReader will begin to read your book out loud, with a small purple menu in the bottom right of the page.



To stop the voice-over, click the square button on the left. To navigate to the text-to-speech menu on your Android device, click the cog icon on the right.

Alt text

Alt text, short for 'alternative text', is a written description of an image that helps visually impaired users understand its content.

Kortext incorporates alt text in both our website and eBooks (as provided by publishers) to enhance accessibility, ensuring that images are described for users relying on screen readers.

Navigational tagging

Navigational tagging refers to the inclusion of coded markers that indicate to browsers and assistive technologies how to navigate the structure of a platform or web page.

Kortext uses navigational tagging in its eReader, eBooks (publisher-provided) and website to improve accessibility for users and screen-reading technologies.

Key navigational tags within our eBooks include:

- › Table of contents
- › Searching for specific words or phrases
- › Navigating using page and/or location numbers

Transcripts

Kortext can provide written transcripts for audio and video content upon request so those who have hearing impairments or prefer reading over listening, can access their required materials effectively.

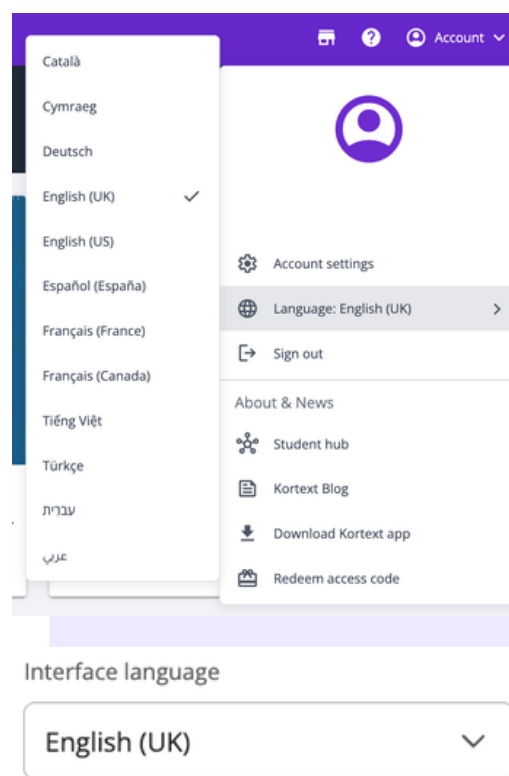
Contact our support team at support@kortext.com to request a transcript.

Multi-language

The language of the Kortext interface can be adjusted with language options shown in the image.

To change the language, go to **Account** in the top right of your bookshelf and go down to **Language** in the drop-down menu. Select a new language from the drop-down list.

The language setting can be adjusted from inside your eBook too, by going to the **AA** or **Tt** icon in the top right of the eReader and changing the **Interface language** from there.



Offline reading

The Kortext mobile and desktop apps allow the download of content for access offline.

To download the Kortext apps, search **Kortext** in your device's app store, or follow the links below:

> Windows

<https://apps.microsoft.com/detail/9nblggh4xfhr?hl=en-gb&gl=GB>

> Mac

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/kortext/id1030400150>

> Android

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cloudspringtech.kortext>

> iOS

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/kortext/id1030400150?ls=1>

Before you can access a book offline, you must be connected to the internet to download it to your device. There are multiple ways to do this:

1) Open a book

When clicking a book in the app to open it for the first time, you will be asked if you would like to download it and given indication of its file size.

Click **Yes** to access your title offline.

2) Click the icon.

It's easy to identify books that have been downloaded on your bookshelf.

The teal downwards arrow indicates a not-yet-downloaded book and will turn into a grey tick once the title has been downloaded to your device.

Download

Do you wish to download "'The Philosophes' by Charles Palissot" (30.5 MB) to your library?

Yes

No



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3) Through the book menu

Click the three dots (⋮) in the thumbnail of the book you'd like to download.

From the menu that pops up, click **Download**.



Download



Book Information



Remove from bookshelf

Accessibility features by title

Accessibility information is available at title level where provided by the publisher. This information will be visible in several places:

In the reader

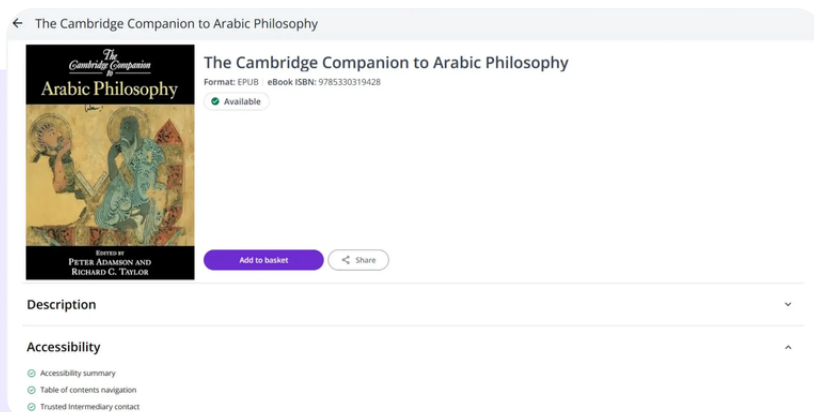
- › Open a book in the reader
- › Click Information / Show book information
- › The available accessibility features are listed in the Accessibility section (if available)

From Bookshelf, Library or Collections

- › Select a title and click the three dots (...)
- › Click Book information
- › The available accessibility features are listed in the Accessibility section (if available)

In Kortext acquire

- › Search for and select a title
- › The available accessibility features are listed in the Accessibility section (if available)



Keyboard shortcuts

Keyboard shortcuts allow users to navigate Kortext without a mouse or trackpad, supporting those with fine motor movement difficulties and providing an alternative route to navigate the platform.

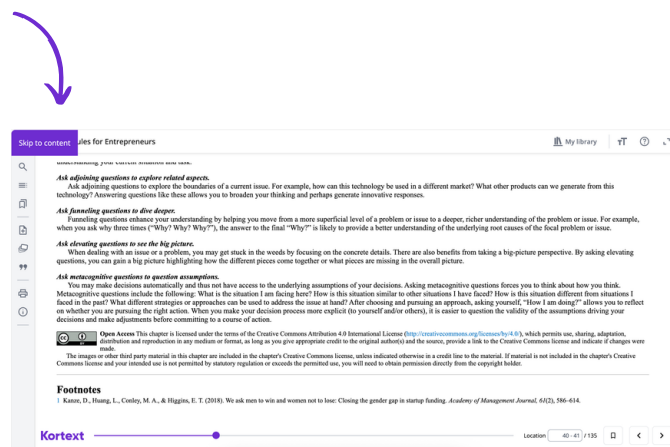
Quick start: Essential navigation

Skip links

- › **Tab (1st press)**: Focus on 'Skip to main content' link
- › **Tab (2nd press)**: Focus on pagination controls
- › **Ctrl + Alt + C**: Skip directly to main content

Reader layout

1. **Main content area**: Displays the book
2. **Navigation toolbar**: Paging and tools
3. **Sidebar**: TOC, highlights, bookmarks, notes
4. **Study tools**: Flashcards, Q&A, and more



Keyboard shortcuts overview

Reader layout

- › **Shift + Arrow keys**: Select text
- › **Menu key/Shift + F10**: Open context menu
- › **Arrow keys**: Navigate menu
- › **Enter**: Confirm selection

Book navigation

- › **Space**: Next page
- › **Shift + Space**: Previous page
- › **Arrow keys**: Scroll up/down or left/right
- › **Home**: First page
- › **End**: Last page
- › **Page Up/Page Down**: Navigate pages

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Note dialogue and highlighting

- › **Left Arrow:** Previous colour
- › **Right Arrow:** Next colour
- › **Ctrl + B/I/U:** Bold, italic, underline
- › **Enter:** New line
- › **Ctrl + Enter:** Submit note

Table of contents (TOC)

- › **Ctrl + T:** Open TOC
- › **Up/Down arrows:** Navigate items
- › **Right/Left arrows:** Expand/collapse sections
- › **Home/End:** First/last TOC item
- › **Enter:** Navigate to section

Zoom controls

- › **Ctrl/Cmd + Plus/Minus:** Zoom in/out
- › **Ctrl/Cmd + 0:** Reset zoom

Navigation helpers

- › **Tab/Shift + Tab:** Move between elements
- › **Ctrl + L:** Address bar
- › **F5:** Refresh page

Screen reader specific

- › **H:** Headings
- › **B:** Buttons
- › **L:** Links
- › **Ctrl + Down:** Read all (NVDA)
- › **Ctrl + A:** Select all

Reading your documents

PDF documents

- › **Announced as 'PDF Reader'**
- › **'Skip to main content' jumps to text**
- › **Pages:** 'Page X of Y' announced

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EPUB Documents

- › Structured with headings
- › Use H to navigate by section
- › Progress shown as percentage

Using study tools

Highlights

- › **Shift + Arrows:** select text
- › **Menu key/Shift + F10:** open highlight menu
- › **Ctrl + H:** View all highlights
- › **N:** Add note to highlight

Notes

- › **Ctrl + N:** Add note
- › **Ctrl + S:** Save
- › **Dialog announces role and character count**

Flashcards

- › **F:** Create flashcard from highlight
- › **Space:** Flip card
- › **Right arrow:** Next card
- › **Easy/Medium/Hard:** Rate card difficulty

Bookmarks

- › **Ctrl + D:** Add bookmark
- › **Ctrl + B:** Open bookmarks
- › **F2:** Rename
- › **Delete:** Remove

Search

- › **Ctrl + F:** Search box
- › **F3/Shift + F3:** Next/previous result

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Read aloud

- › **Ctrl + R:** Start Read aloud
- › **Space:** Play/Pause
- › **Left/Right arrows:** Rewind/Skip
- › **Escape:** Stop

Translation

- › Select text › Menu › Translate
- › Choose target language
- › View translation and copy

Customising the reader

- › **Zoom:** Ctrl/Cmd + Plus/Minus/0
- › **High contrast:** OS-level setting
- › **Screen reader preferences:** Speed, verbosity, voice

Troubleshooting

Screen reader issues

- › Refresh page
- › Switch modes
- › Use 'Read All' or heading nav

Keyboard navigation

- › Tab/Shift+Tab to regain focus
- › F6 to cycle sections
- › Ctrl + L to reset to address bar

Content loading

- › Wait/load
- › Refresh (F5)
- › Clear cache or switch browser

Getting support

Include when contacting support:

- › Assistive tech (e.g. NVDA 2022.1)
- › Browser/version
- › OS
- › Steps to reproduce

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Resources

- › NVDA, JAWS, VoiceOver guides
- › Keyboard navigation tutorials
- › Accessibility communities

Frequently asked questions

Q: Is the Kortext eReader screen reader compatible?

A: Yes, it supports all major screen readers.

Q: Can I use all features without a mouse?

A: Yes, every function supports keyboard access.

Q: Why can't my screen reader read a PDF?

A: Some PDFs are images; contact Kortext support for accessible versions.

Q: Can I export highlights and notes?

A: Yes, export options are available in the sidebar.

Q: Do flashcards work with screen readers?

A: Yes, including announcements for card sides and progress.

Screen reader compatibility

Kortext has tested the platform using a variety of different screen readers, including:

- › JAWS
- › NV Access
- › TalkBack
- › VoiceOver

To use screen readers with Kortext, activate the software on your device and sign in to Kortext.

Navigate around Kortext using standard screen reader shortcuts, including menus, text selection and page turning actions.



Our 100% gold ASPIREscore

Based on the quality of information in our [accessibility statement](#), we are proud to have been awarded a 100% gold ASPIREscore.

Kortext conforms to level AA of the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines WCAG 2.2](#) and regularly modifies its content to meet updated guidelines.



For help, please visit:

support.kortext.com