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Accessibility guide

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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

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

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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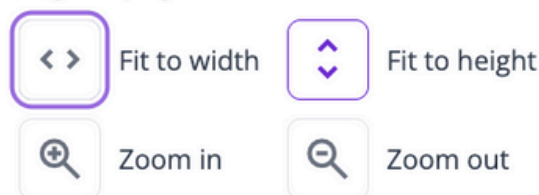
Read aloud

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.
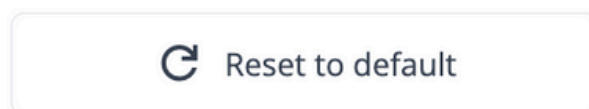
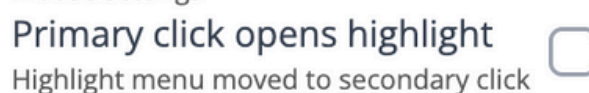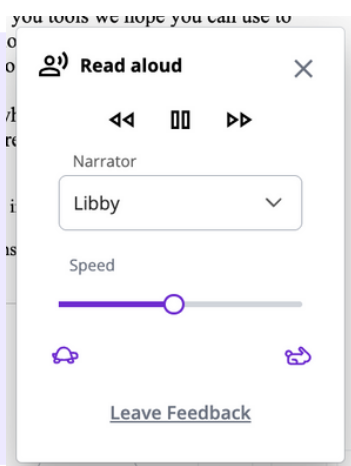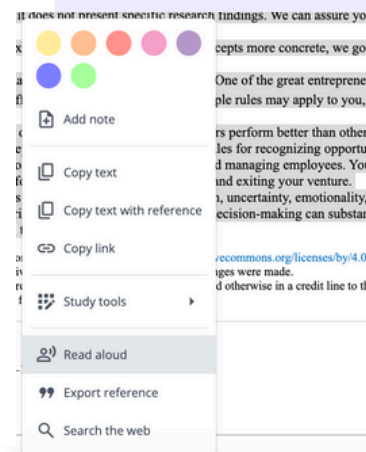## Accessing Read aloud on the web browser

Using the Kortext platform on the web browser, first open a book by clicking its thumbnail in the bookshelf.

Once inside a book on the Kortext platform, select the text you'd like to be read aloud by clicking and dragging the cursor across the page. From the pop-up menu, click **Read aloud**.

The platform will begin to read out the selected section of text with a white **Read aloud** menu in the bottom-right corner that you are able to move around the page.

Rewind, pause and fast forward your voice-over as required using the ⏪ ⏸ ⏩ icons at the top of the menu.

Change the voice by clicking the drop-down arrow under the subheading **Narrator** and selecting a name from the menu.
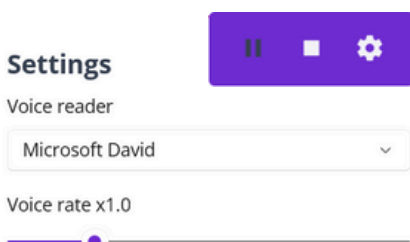
Change the speed of the voice-over by using the **Speed** bar at the bottom of the menu. To slow down reading, drag the white circle towards the tortoise icon on the left (🐢), to speed up reading drag towards the hare icon on the right (🐇).

Accessing Read aloud on the Windows desktop app

To use the **Read aloud** feature, first open a book by clicking its thumbnail in the bookshelf.

Highlight the section of text you'd like to be read aloud by clicking and dragging the cursor across the page. From the pop-up menu, click the 🔊 **Read aloud** option.

To customise your read aloud experience, use the purple menu at the bottom right of the eReader.

> To **pause** the voice-over, click the pause icon on the left.
> To **stop** the voice-over entirely, click the square icon in the centre.
> To **adjust the voice** of the speaker, and **change the pace** of the reading, click the cog icon on the right.

Accessing Voice Over on the iOS mobile app

To use the **Voice Over** 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.
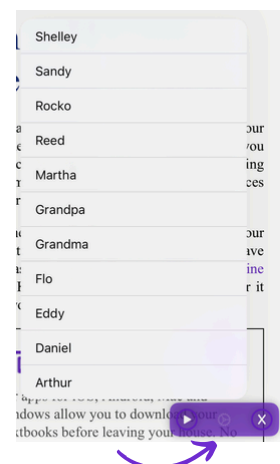
Accessing Read aloud on the Android mobile app

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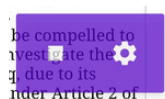
To stop the voice-over, click the square button on the left. To navigate to the text-to-speech menu on your Android device, click the cog icon on the right.

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 Tᴛ icon in the top right of the eReader and changing the **Interface language** from there.
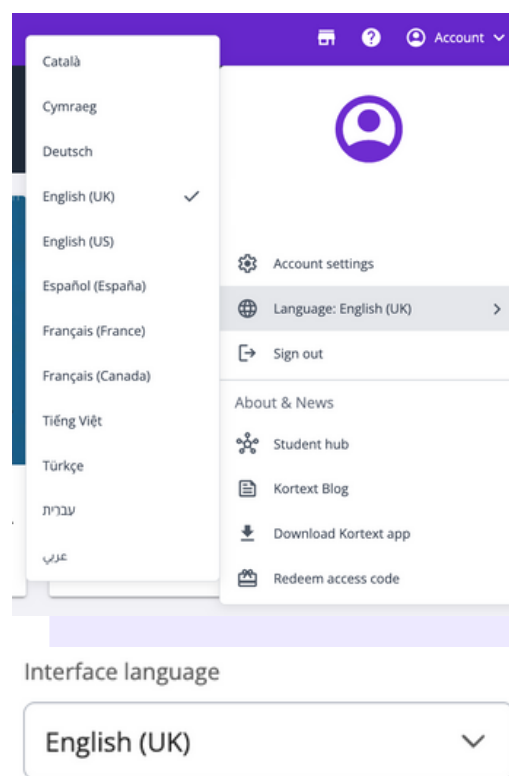
Offline reading

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 **Download** 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.
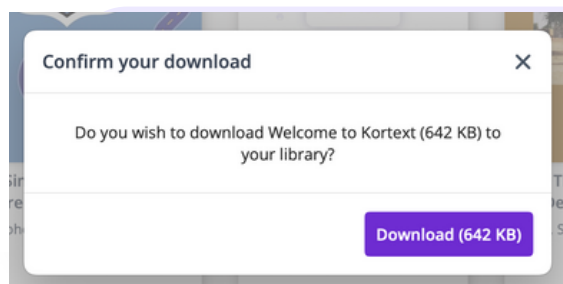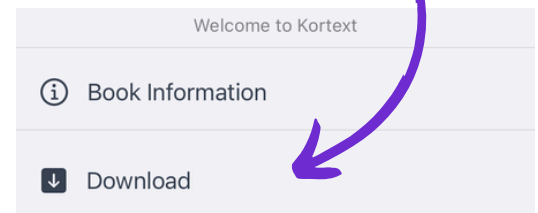
3) Through the book menu

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

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

Welcome to Kortext

ⓘ Book Information

⬇ Download

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.
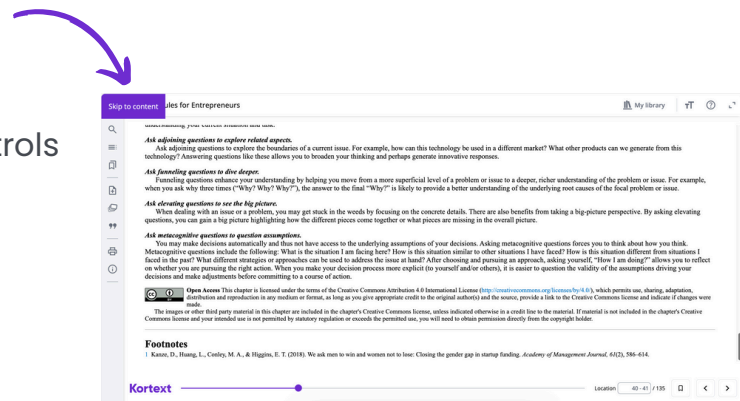
Quick start: Essential navigation

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.

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For help, please visit:

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