

Sora - FAQ

How do I access Sora on my phone/tablet/laptop?

You can find Sora in the app store for both apple and google devices. (It comes up as "Sora, by overdrive". You can also log in via a browser at www.soraapp.com/welcome

The first time you visit, you will need the setup code: **uksecondary** then find our school in the drop down menu.

You then need to enter your username and password.

What is my username/password?

Username format: first name + surname + year group's year of entry to school

e.g password for Joe Bloggs in year 7 = JoeBloggs2020

Password format: First initial + surname + year group's year of entry to school

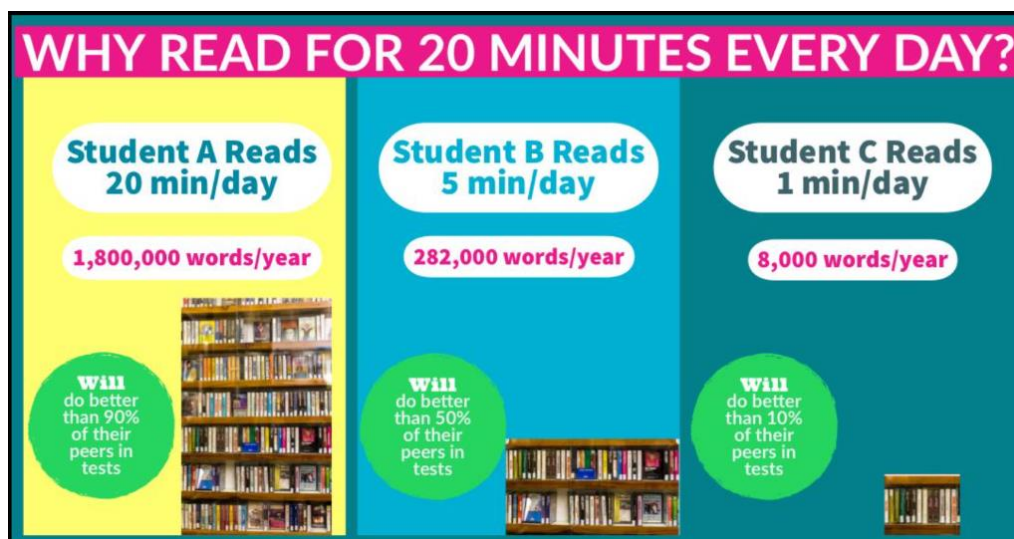
e.g. password for Joe Bloggs in year 7 = JBloggs2020

You can request a password reset via reading@thekings.staffs.sch.uk

Why should I read on Sora?

We have bought you access to Sora so that everyone has access to new books despite us not being physically in school.

Reading is a fantastic way to relax and learn new things. Reading is also proven to improve your academic progress across subjects. This is why it is on your home schooling timetable for 30 mins per day! Just take a look at the statistics below:



What should I read?

You can use the browse function to look through all the different types of books available. You can read fiction or non-fiction, it's totally up to you. There are also some audio books available.

If you're still unsure, you can use the recommended reads attachment or ask your English teacher for a suitable recommendation.

Once you've chosen a book, Sora will recommend books to you that are similar.

Why are some books available all the time and you have to wait for others?

Sora has unlimited licences for some books and a set number of licences for others.

If a book you'd like to read is unavailable, click on 'hold' so you get access when it is next available. In the meantime, you can read something else.

How can I tell if a title is an e-book or audiobook?

You can filter for these when searching. If you are browsing, the audiobooks have a picture of some headphones over the top of the cover.

Can I change the font size/type or contrast?

You can change to different fonts, change the text size and choose from a range of lighting options (eg white font on black screen) by clicking on the three lines on the top right hand side of a page within a book and then "Reading settings".

What do I do if I don't understand a word?

If you hold down on a word, you are given the option to 'define' it, this will tell you what the word means.

How long do I have a book for?

You have a book for **2 weeks** unless you return it or ask to renew it (you can do this from 3 days before it is due back). Don't forget to renew if you haven't finished a book yet!

Can I make a record of what I have read?

Yes. Books you've borrowed automatically go into your library history but you can also make a list specifically of those you've completed. You can do this by selecting 'shelf', 'loans' then 'options', if you mark a book as 'done'; it will be stored in your 'done' list in 'shelf' and 'lists'.

How many books can I borrow?

You can borrow up to 5 books at a time. You can return a book early if you want to make space for another.

How will this impact my data usage?

We advise you download books whilst connected to WiFi if you have limited data.

The amount of data required per book is shown before you start reading.

Contact school if you have any problems with internet access at home.