

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

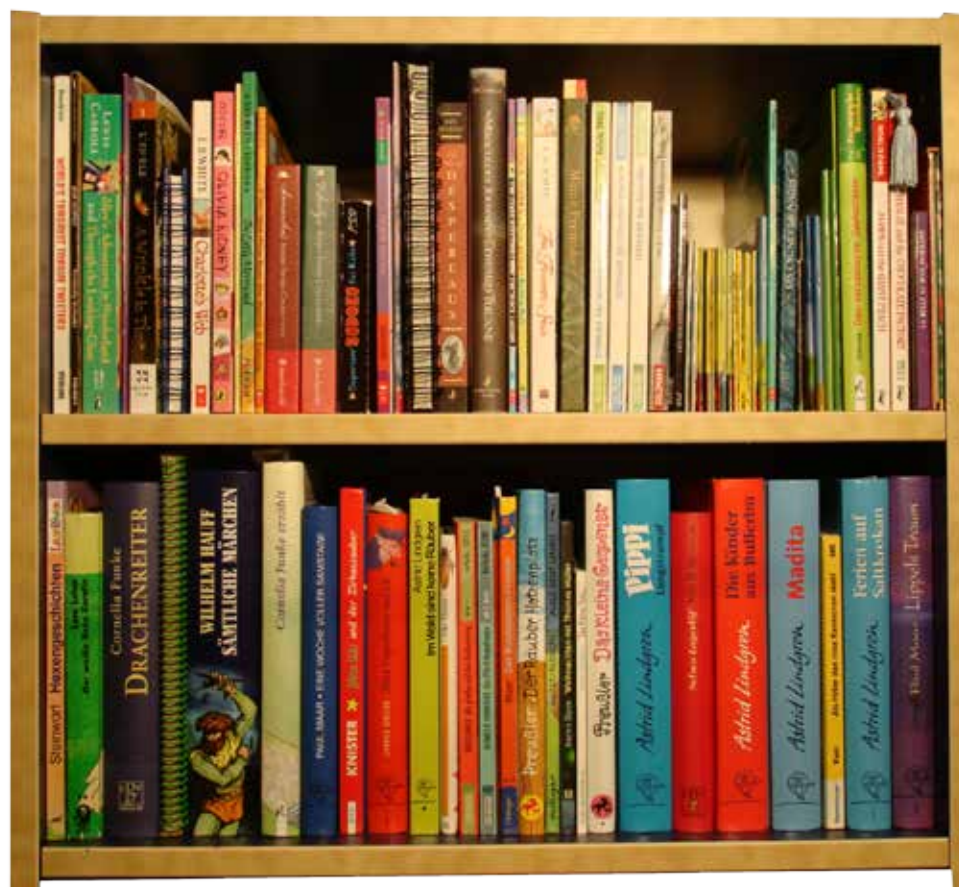
Student "A" reads 20 minutes each day 3600 minutes in a school year	Student "B" reads 5 minutes each day 900 minutes in a school year	Student "C" reads 1 minute each day 180 minutes in a school year
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1,800,000 words



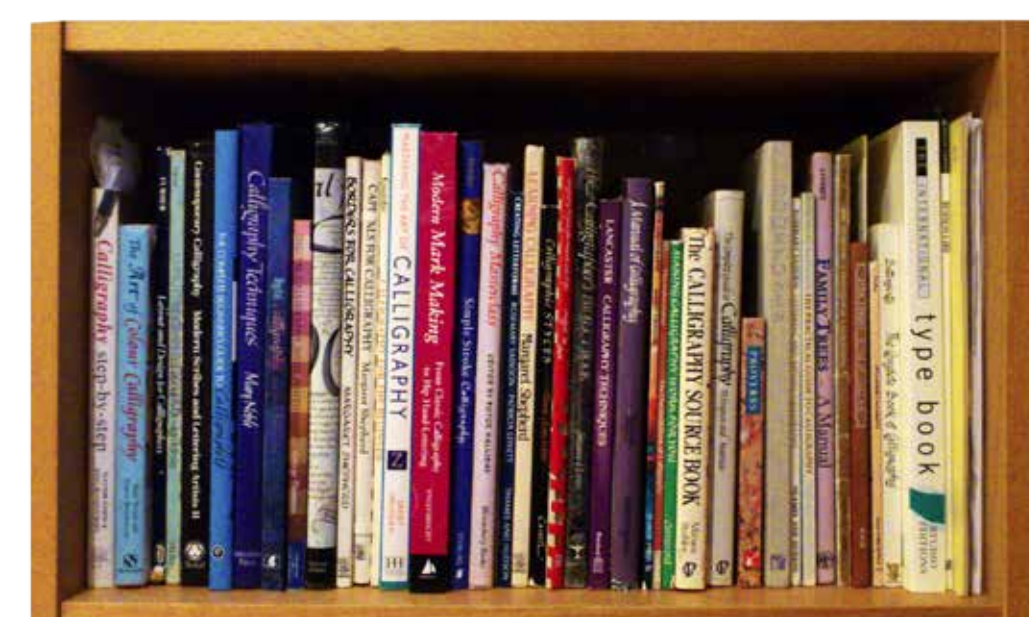
90th percentile

282,000 words



50th percentile

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school . . . and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

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