

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

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



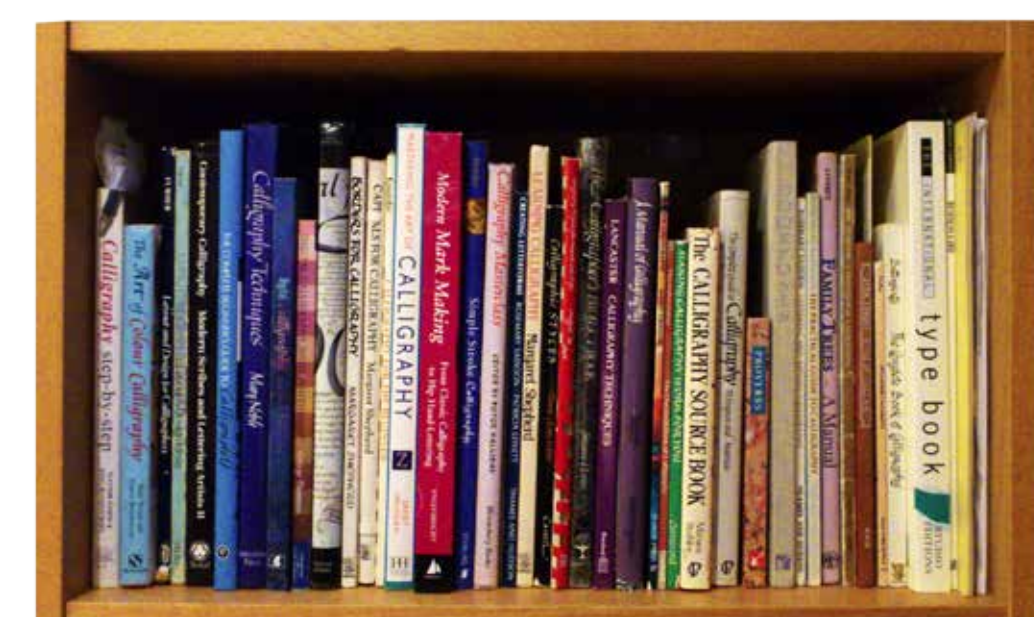
90<sup>th</sup> percentile

282,000 words



50<sup>th</sup> percentile

8,000 words



10<sup>th</sup> percentile

By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> 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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