

# Building Independent Readers

## What is independent reading?

Routine time provided in school to read choice books.

## The Purpose

“The goal of independent reading as an instructional practice is to build habitual readers with conscious reading identities” (NCTE, 2019, para. 2).

## Benefits of Using Class Time for Independent Reading:

“Independent reading is a valuable use of time because of the many benefits students realize from reading practice and volume: Students develop reading stamina, their vocabulary and background knowledge increases, and they acquire reading habits” (ILA, 2019, pp. 2-3).

## Reading Volume Builds:

- Comprehension
- Empathy
- Equitable Learning Opportunities
- Fluency
- Motivation
- Stamina
- Testing Scores
- Vocabulary
- Writing

Research Support  
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## How does independent reading support the Science of Reading Instruction?

The Science of Reading equips students with the technical skills needed to decode text, but it does not cultivate the desire to read. Independent reading of choice books provides a context for practicing reading skills while building the love for reading.

## Ready to get independent reading started?

See Your School Librarian!



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