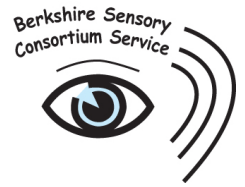


Making Literacy Accessible

Audio or Talking Books



What does this mean?

'Audio or Talking book' is a general term for books that you listen to, usually narrated by a real person.

Implications for learning – equipment needed

- Listening to audio on a CD simply needs a stereo or other music system that has a CD player.
- Using DAISY CDs needs a DAISY player or DAISY software on your computer, or it can be played on some normal CD players.
- A USB stick can be played using a USB player, or on a computer using your existing media software. It can also be played on some models of DAISY player.
Downloading audio needs an internet connection and a computer, MP3 player, tablet or mobile phone to save the audio on. Some specialist MP3 players like the Victor Reader Stream can be used to listen to downloaded audiobooks.
- If you use RNIB Overdrive, you can download audio to most computers, smartphones and tablets and play it using a free application.

Ways to help – sources of talking books

Local Library services

Your local library service will provide free access to e-books and audio books.

Kindle

Kindle e-books are purchased from Amazon via the Kindle app or Kindle device. These generally use synthesised speech (a robotic automatic voice). The Kindle app is available for PCs as well as phones and tablets.

RNIB

RNIB offer a free talking book service to people with a vision impairment. Books can be accessed as a digital download via OverDrive, or can be sent out as a DAISY CD or USB.

Audible

This is an audio bookstore, and books can be downloaded via the Audible app or Kindle device.

Calibre

Calibre works in a similar way to the RNIB talking library. Young Calibre is for young people.

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