

Why Can't Your Child Skip Reading 20 Minutes Each Night?

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 and Herman, 1987)

Student A	Student B	Student C
<p>Reads 20 minutes each day.</p> <p>3600 minutes read in a school year.</p> <p>1,800,000 words.</p> <p>Student will likely score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.</p> <p>By the end of 6th grade student A will have read a total of 60 school days.</p>	<p>Reads 5 minutes each day.</p> <p>900 minutes read in a school year.</p> <p>282, 000 words.</p> <p>Student will likely score in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.</p> <p>By the end of 6th grade student B will have read a total of 12 school days.</p>	<p>Reads 1 minute each day.</p> <p>180 minutes read in a school year.</p> <p>8, 000 words.</p> <p>Student will likely score in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.</p>