

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

Student "A"
reads 20 minutes
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

Student "B"
reads 5 minutes
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"
reads 1 minute
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

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)