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1- <u>ReadWriteThink</u>

'ReadWriteThink is a great platform that provides a wide variety of educational materials covering different literacy areas including reading, writing, listening and speaking. You can use the integrated search functionality to filter resources based on criteria such as grade level, resource type, themes, learning objectives and many more.'

2- <u>Reading Rockets</u>

'Resources to help struggling readers build phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension skills. Online course on teaching reading, classroom strategies, in-classroom video, parent reading tips, interviews with children's book authors, recommended children's books, and more.'

3- <u>Reading Bear</u>

'Reading Bear is a fun way to learn to read. We teach over 1,200 vocabulary items. Our 50 presentations cover all the main phonics rules. All free and nonprofit!'

4- <u>Reading Eggs</u>

Reading Eggs makes learning to read interesting and engaging for kids, with great online reading games and activities.

5- <u>Choosito</u>

'Browse our digital library of 200,000+ sites, make a standards aligned resource collection, or track students as they search the web with enhanced reading level and subject area filters.'

6- Storyline Online

'Storyline Online, streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations. Readers include Viola Davis, Chris Pine, Lily Tomlin, Kevin Costner, Annette Bening, James Earl Jones, Betty White and dozens more.'

7- <u>CommonLit</u>

'CommonLit delivers high-quality, free instructional materials to support literacy development for students in grades 3-12.'

8- <u>PBS</u>

This section in PBS provides a wide variety of activities and games to help kids develop their reading and literacy skills.

9- <u>Scholastic</u>

Scholastic Parents provides you access to a diversified collection of reading materials to use with your students and kids. These include a Book Search tool to locate relevant reading materials, book reviews and recommendations, guides, activities, printables and many more.

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10- The Children's Book Review

'The Children's Book Review is a resource devoted to children's literature and literacy. We publish reviews and book lists of the best books for kids of all ages. We also produce author and illustrator interviews and share literacy based articles that help parents, grandparents, caregivers, teachers and librarians to grow readers.'

11- Into the Book

'Into the Book is a reading comprehension resource for elementary students and teachers. We focus on eight research-based strategies: Using Prior Knowledge, Making Connections, Questioning, Visualizing, Inferring, Summarizing, Evaluating and Synthesizing.'

12- <u>Read Theory</u>

'Accompany your students on a journey through our vast library of reading comprehension content. ReadTheory's adaptive approach fosters improvement by automatically meeting learners at their own, individual ability levels. Signup takes seconds and no time is spent vetting assignments. Progress is shown on an intuitive report, replete with actionable, meaningful insights. Our program is completely free.'

13- <u>Starfall</u>

Launched in 2002, Starfall website offers various resources to help kids and young learners develop reading and writing skills through interactive games, activities and phonics.

14- <u>ReadWorks</u>

'ReadWorks provide the largest, highest-quality library of curated nonfiction and literary articles in the country, along with reading comprehension and vocabulary lessons, formative assessments, and teacher guidance.'

Digital libraries for kids

1- <u>The International Children's Digital Library</u> ICDK offers popular children's books from all over the world.'The materials in the collection, all presented in the original languages in which they were published, reflect similarities and differences in cultures, societies, interests, and lifestyles of peoples around the world.'

2- <u>Epic</u>'Epic!'s ebook library includes many of the best kids books and popular books such as Fancy Nancy, Big Nate, Warriors, Ramona, and National Geographic Kids...Epic! costs only \$4.99/month with the first month FREE and supports up to 4 individual child profiles per account.'

3- <u>StoryPlace</u> "StoryPlace came about to provide children with the virtual experience of going to the Library and participating in the same types of activities the Library offers at its physical locations. First launched in 2000, StoryPlace has been newly redesigned to present favorite stories and activities in a format compatible with desktop and mobile devices. The site also now includes early literacy information

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for parents and caregivers.'

4- <u>Magic Blox</u>With a large and growing collection of eBooks for kids 1 to 13 years old, your children get to enjoy new books all the time from award winning authors and publishers from around the world. In addition to titles you are familiar with from traditional publishers, they also have the opportunity to discover new stories from authors they've never heard of, or try out new languages they've never seen.'

5- <u>MightyBook</u>Where children learn to read with stories, songs, games, cartoons, comics and more. MightyBook is the perfect place for children who enjoy books, music, art, games and puzzles. You'll find hundreds of original stories and songs, plus scores of classic books, poems and children's songs. Everything is illustrated, animated and read out loud. Complete lesson plans and quizzes are included with many of the books and songs. You can sample a few of them on our free pages.'

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