



VitalSource Accessibility Options

Bookshelf offers a variety of features you may explore to enhance your online reading, including: note taking, read aloud, and zoom and font size adjustments.





The Bookshelf app is available for Mac OS X, PC/Windows, Android phones/tablets, Kindle Fire, iPad/iPhone/iPod Touch (iOS), and online.

For more information on Bookshelf Accessibility and platform specific information, as well as Keyboard Commands, visit: [VitalSource Support Accessibility](#)

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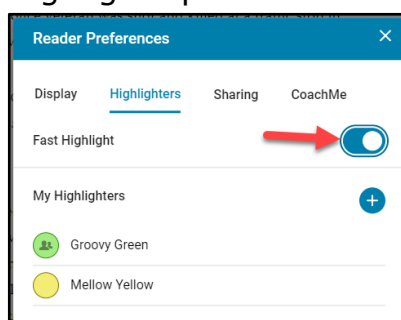
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Note Taking

When you use Bookshelf's **Notes** and **Highlights** features, your Notebook  then contains your highlights and associated notes. You may also add a Bookmark  and access all of your Bookmarks from the Bookmarks menu: [Making Notes & Highlights](#)

Online

In top toolbar > Reader Preferences > Highlighters, you may turn on the Fast Highlight option.

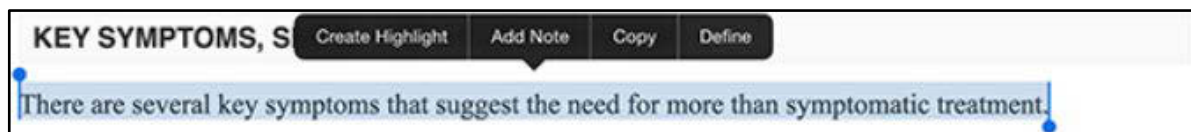


Or, you may highlight a word/section which will prompt the highlighting and notes feature.

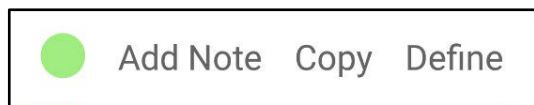
To add and/or remove highlighters, go to Reader Preferences > Highlighters. (**Note:** Highlighters with the people/public icon are shareable.)

Mobile

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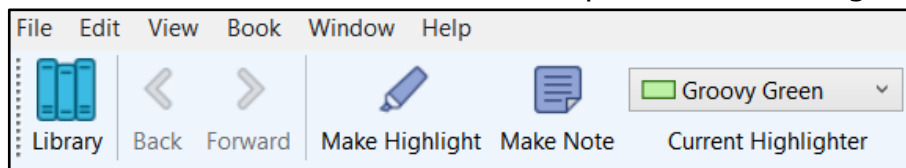


Android:




Windows & Mac

Use the toolbar or the Book menu options for making highlights or notes.



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Read Aloud

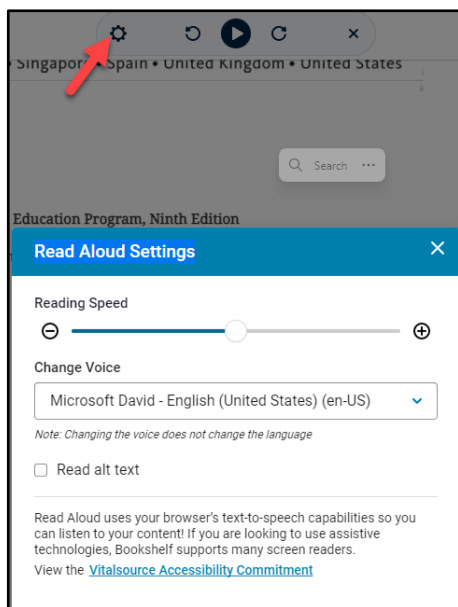
The Read Aloud feature  (text to speech) may not be enabled on all VitalSource titles. If it is enabled on Bookshelf, it's available for all platforms.

Note: Contact VitalSource Support if you have any issues with your ebook.

Online

Use the **Read Aloud** option from the top toolbar to utilize text-to-speech. This uses your browser's text-to-speech capabilities so you can listen to your content.

- Use the **Play/Pause** button to read text aloud and use the **Skip Back** and **Skip Forward** buttons to navigate.
- Click on **Settings** (gear icon) to access the **Read Aloud Settings**. You may adjust the **Reading Speed** by using the – or + buttons or moving the slider. You may **Change Voice** by using the dropdown menu. The options will depend on the voices installed on your device. You also have the option to **Read alt text**.



iOS

You may adjust the reading speed in Read Aloud  Settings .



You may change the Read Loud **voice** by going to your device's **Settings** > **General** > **Accessibility** > **Speech**.

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Android & Kindle Fire



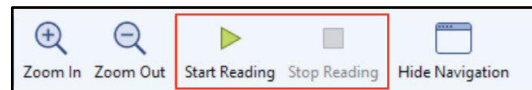
You may adjust the **Reading Speed** in Read Aloud  **Settings** .



Your device may also allow you to adjust the text-to-speech output options, including preferred speech engine, rate, and pitch, as well as allowing you to listen to alt text for images if available.

Windows

Use the **Start Reading** option in the toolbar:



You may adjust the **reading speed, pitch, and volume** (as well as the Read Loud **voice**) by going to your PC's **Control Panel > Ease of Access > Narrator > Personalize Narrator's Voice**. **Note:** Quickly get to Ease of Access by clicking the Windows Key + U.

Mac

Use the **Start Reading** option in the toolbar:



You may adjust the **reading speed** and Read Loud **voice** in **System Preferences > Dictation & Speech > Text to Speech**.

Screen Readers

If you're already using a screen reader, including mobile such as VoiceOver or Android TalkBack, use these: [keyboard and screenreader commands](#).

Zoom & Font Size

There are two different types of VitalSource eTextbooks: **Reflowable** text and Fixed Page. How you increase the font will vary slightly in each type of book.

[What eTextbook format does VitalSource provide?](#)

Reflowable eTextbook (ePub) pages don't maintain the layout of a traditional book. The text font size may be adjusted regardless of the size of the screen.

Fixed Page eTextbook (PDF) pages look like a traditional book, where the screen size regulates the size of the text.

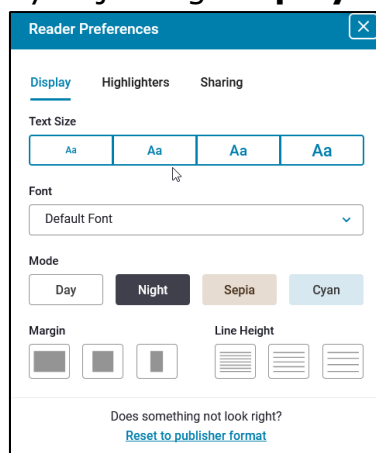
Online

Zooming in and out methods are browser dependent.

Most **Windows** browsers allow you to use Control (CTRL) and + or – to zoom in and out and Control and 0 to return to the default size. Or you may hold down the Control key and roll the mouse wheel up or down to adjust the zoom.

On a **Mac**, you'll use the Command key and the + or – to zoom in and out.

You can also use the **Reader Preferences** menu to customize your experience by adjusting **Display** settings.



Text Size (Small, Normal, or Large, Extra Large)

Font (Default, Sans Serif, Old Style, Modern, Humanist, Monospace, OpenDyslexic, or Atkinson Hyperlegible)

Mode (Day, Night, Sepia, or Cyan)

Margin (Small, Medium, or Large)

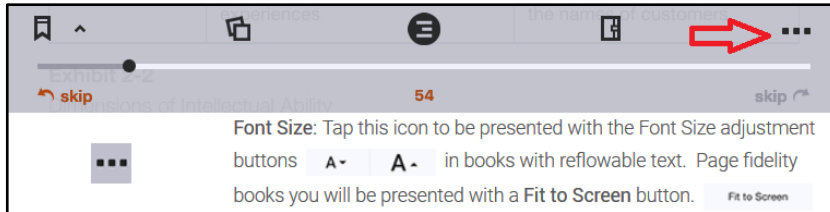
Line Height (Small, Medium, or Large). You may also **Reset to the publisher format**.

iOS

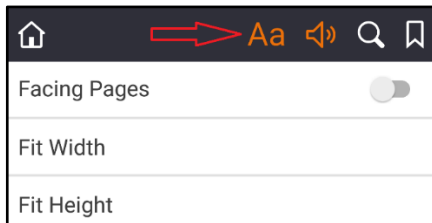


Android & Kindle Fire

Example of textbook with **reflowable** text:



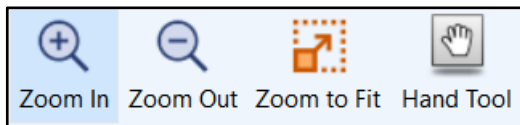
Example of textbook with **fixed page**:



With fixed page titles, you may still use the “pinch and zoom” gesture to adjust the size a bit.

Windows & Mac

Use the **Zoom In** and **Zoom Out** (or **Zoom to Fit**) options on the navigation toolbar. Or, go to **View > Zoom In** (Ctrl +) or **Zoom Out** (Ctrl -).



Windows: For **reflowable** text titles, you may also hold down the Control key and roll the mouse wheel up or down to adjust the zoom.