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Other Free Online Reading Resources for K-5 Students

1. Storyline Online

Developed by The Screen Actors Guild Foundation, [Storyline Online](#) features accomplished actors and actresses reading some of their favorite children's books. Each story comes with a free Activity Guide and can be viewed on YouTube or SchoolTube. *Rainbow Fish*, *Wilfrid Gordon Macdonald Partridge*, and *To Be a Drum* are just a few of the books available.

2. Free Children's Stories

Founded in 2008, freechildrenstories.com operates on the simple principle that children's development is paramount. Their mission is to offer traditional, meaningful storytelling to every child, parent, or teacher around the globe with access to the internet, for free.

3. Starfall

While some areas of [Starfall](#) are part of their premium service, they have many early reader stories available for free. Students can follow along as the story is read to them and can, in some instances, help create their own story. The website is highly engaging and a favorite of young readers.

4. Online Storytime by Barnes and Noble

From *The Kissing Hand* read by author Audrey Wood to *Pinkalicious* read by Victoria Kann, [Barnes and Noble's Online Storytime](#) has popular children's books read out loud. While there are no supplemental materials to accompany the stories, this free site is perfect for "Listen to Reading" stations.

Note: The first story begins right away when the page opens so be sure that your volume is adjusted accordingly before clicking the link.

5. TumbleBooks

<http://asp.tumblebooks.com/Home.aspx?categoryID=13>

Students can follow along as the text is read to them or read independently to help improve comprehension and fluency. Large collection of books available for all grades.

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6. International Children's Digital Library

Discover books from around the world at the [International Children's Digital Library](#). The free site does not read the books aloud, but students can read them independently during Read to Self or free time. This is a great site for extension activities when learning about different regions of the world and can be used effectively into the middle school grades.

7. **ABCya!**

Children can listen to short stories read aloud to them as they follow along with the highlighted text. [ABCya!](#) has a variety of educational games in addition to the featured stories. Free resources and materials are available for grades K through 5.

8. **Storynory**

[Storynory](#) features a collection of original, fairy tale, and classic children's audio stories. Students can follow along with the story as it is read to them, as the text is also included on the site. There are also some great features available that give you the option of downloading the audio to your computer, listening to "catch phrase" explanations, translating text into different languages (especially helpful for your ELL students!), and more.

9. **National Geographic Young Explorers**

[National Geographic Young Explorers](#) is a magazine designed specifically for kindergarten and first grade students. Children can listen to the magazine being read to them as they follow along with the highlighted text. It is a great way to bring interesting non-fiction stories into reading center time.

11. **Read to Me**

Similar to Storyline Online, [Read to Me](#) features popular children's books being read by famous performers. There are activity guides with hands-on ideas, discussion questions, and lesson plans that can easily be adapted to the Common Core State Standards. Entirely free, the site is colorful and engaging.

12. **PBS Reading Games**

[PBS Kids](#) has more than 70 reading games connected to characters from its popular television series, such as *Sesame Street*, *Clifford the Big Red Dog*, *Martha Speaks*, *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood*, and *Caillou*. When your child successfully completes a game, many of them provide instant rewards, such as video clips or more fun games. This encourages children to keep playing and learning.

13. **ReadWriteThink Student Interactives**

[ReadWriteThink Student Interactives](#) are jam-packed with lessons and interactive games for students of all ages who are learning reading and writing skills. For children learning to read English, there are seven interactive games (all of which are described below). Each student interactive is accompanied by lesson plans for use in the classroom or by homeschoolers.

14. **World Word**

In [WordWorld](#), words morph into the objects they name. That creates a powerful connection between the letters and the words they represent. Children are captivated by the vibrant colors and graphics in these interactive books, and it's an excellent vocabulary building site for beginning readers.