



Supporting Comprehension & ELL Learners with Epic

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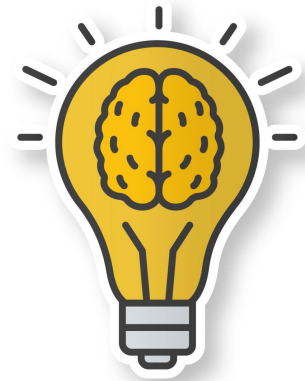
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Accessible Literacy with Epic: Supporting ALL learners with engaging digital reading tools

What helps a student say, “I can do this”?



Reading confidence grows when students can access text in multiple ways.

- Read-To-Me books
- Audiobooks
- Levelled readers
- Decodables
- Multilingual books
- Vocabulary tools

Epic's audio features build confidence,
comprehension, stamina, and
independence.

Why audio?

- Students can pause and replay sections for repeated support
- Reduce cognitive overload and keep attention on meaning
- Support confidence for readers who are hesitant, emerging, or still developing oral language

Audio and visual: Read-To-Me Books

- Use Read-To-Me to model fluent reading
- Read-To-Me books highlight the word as it is read aloud

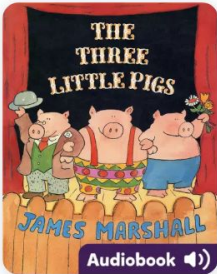
The screenshot displays the Epic! School website interface. At the top, the 'epic! SCHOOL' logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'HOME' and 'EXPLORE' are in the center. A search bar on the right contains the text 'cat ninja' with a magnifying glass icon and a close button (X). Below the navigation bar, a horizontal menu highlights 'READ-TO-ME' in blue, with other options like 'ALL', 'BOOKS', 'VIDEOS', and 'AUDIOBOOKS' visible. Underneath this menu are several filter buttons: 'Age', 'Reading Level', 'Fiction/Non-Fiction', 'Format', 'Language', and 'Quiz'. The main content area is titled 'Read-To-Me (100+)' and features five book cards. Each card includes a book cover with the 'epic! CAT NINJA' branding, a 'Read to Me' button with a speaker icon, the book title, and a table of metadata (Age, Level, Pages). At the bottom of each card is a heart icon and an 'Assign' button with a document icon.

Book Title	Age	Level	Pages
Cat Ninja Book 20: Bat Ninja	6-12	-	15
Cat Ninja Book 5: Family Squabbles	6-12	K	26
Cat Ninja Tales: Training for...	6-12	-	12
Cat Ninja Book 30: Cat Ninja... No...	6-12	-	15
Cat Ninja Book 2: Le Chat Noir!	6-12	K	26

Audiobooks: Listen for meaning

- Supports comprehension and vocabulary.
- Helps students access content without decoding barriers.
- Good for multilingual learners and students who need alternative access.

The Three Little Pigs



By: James Marshall
Narrated by: Fritz Weaver

A hungry wolf goes after three pigs--and they'll have to use their heads if they want to win!

3-7	11m
Age Range	Length

The Three Little Pigs

0:12 10:36

Speaker icon, Refresh icon, 30s Previous, Play/Pause, 30s Next

Supporting multilingual learners

- books in English, Spanish, French, Chinese, and Gaelic

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epic! SCHOOL HOME EXPLORE cat ninja X

ALL BOOKS VIDEOS AUDIOBOOKS **READ-TO-ME**

Age Reading Level Fiction/Non-Fiction Format Language Quiz

Read-To-Me (100+)

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Age 6-12
Level -
Pages 15

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English
Spanish
Chinese
French
Gaelic
Clear Filter

Read to Me Assign

Dictionary Look Up provides “just in time” vocabulary support.

Use Dictionary Lookup to support vocabulary in context



CAT NINJA TALES

Training for T

A slip on his own sucker sends Octopus game--and learning to think beyond his

Training

Pronounced:
train-ing

noun

1. the course followed by one who trains or is being trained
2. the knowledge, experience, or condition acquired by one who trains

Well, well, well, if it isn't Flip, Rip, and Chip, the infamous *Blue Mask Buddies*!

Unhand that cargo, you spoiling stevedores!

Huh?

*Spoiling: stealing or plundering; stevedore: someone who unloads cargo from a ship

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Jart!

Epic quizzes: Quick comprehension
checks

Use the available quizzes or create your own

- Use after reading or listening
- Check understanding of details, vocabulary, or main ideas
- Great for small groups, independent practice, or exit tickets

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Pushing and Pulling



Create a Quiz

Discover the motion of pushing and pulling, and discover what force causes it.

FavoriteAssign

About This Book

By: [Natalie Hyde](#)

5-7

M

Yes

Age Range

F&P Level

Quiz

Contents

What is motion?	4
What is a force?	6
Is it a push or a pull?	8
Parts for pushing	10
Is it still a push?	12
Give it a pull!	14
Lift—a push or a pull?	16
Changing direction	18
The amount of force	20
Name that force!	22

Engaged readers read till the last page

What students see when they use Epic

- High-interest books with strong visuals: book covers and illustrations
- Working toward a common class goal: Readerpillar

What teachers might add

- Pre-reading activities and mini-lessons
- Retell frames and sentence starters
- Sequencing cards
- Discussion activities

Meet Your Readerpillar

Encourage reading all year long! As your class reaches new reading goals, badges will be added to your Readerpillar.



Three simple ways to use Epic for access

Whole group

Model a Read-To-Me text, pause to discuss vocabulary and meaning.

Small group

Assign one text, listen together, then retell using visuals, sentence starters, or a retelling frame.

Independent

Student rereads a familiar text or listens to a Read-to-Me text, uses Dictionary Lookup as needed, and completes a quick response or Epic quiz.

Small features, big impacts for access

- Read-To-Me supports fluency and confidence
- Audio and vocabulary tools support comprehension
- Multilingual book titles widen participation
- Quizzes as a fun, low-stakes assessment for a quick comprehension check
- Simple routines help make literacy more accessible for every student



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