

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

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Let's figure it out - mathematically!

**Student A** reads 20 minutes five nights of every week;

**Student B** reads only 4 minutes a night.....or not at all!

**Step 1: Multiply minutes a night x 5 times each week.**

**Student A** reads 20 min. x 5 times a week = 100 mins./week

**Student B** reads 4 minutes x 5 times a week = 20 mins./week

**Step 2: Multiply minutes a week x 4 weeks each month.**

**Student A** reads 400 minutes a month.

**Student B** reads 80 minutes a month.

**Step 3: Multiply minutes a month x 9 months of school**

**Student A** reads 3,600 minutes in a school year

**Student B** reads 720 minutes in a school year.

**Student A** practices reading the equivalent of **ten whole school days** in a year. **Student B** gets the equivalent of only **two school days** of reading practice.

By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade if **Student A** and **Student B** maintain these same reading habits, **Student A** will have read the equivalent of **60 whole school days** and **Student B** will have read the equivalent of only **12 school days**.

Some questions to ponder:

Which student would you expect to read better?

Which student would you expect to know more?

Which student would you expect to write better?

Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?