



READABILITY TIME GUIDELINES

Readability Time Per Number of Words

Number of Words	Normal Reader	Nonfluent or Dyslexic
1	0.7 seconds	3 to 13 seconds
2	1.4 seconds	6 to 16 seconds
3	2.1 seconds	9 to 19 seconds
4	2.8 seconds	12 to 22 seconds
5	3.5 seconds	15 to 25 seconds
6	4.2 seconds	18 to 28 seconds
7	4.9 seconds	21 to 31 seconds
8	5.6 seconds	24 to 34 seconds
9	6.3 seconds	27 to 37 seconds

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