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reads 20 minutes
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

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each day

each day

900 minutes in
a school year

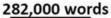
Student "C"
reads 1 minute
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile





8,000 words



50th percentile

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