

Sora Reading Challenges

Spark reading joy and motivate students with friendly gamification



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Where students read

Sora's Reading Challenges are fun, time-based competitions that encourage students to read for more minutes or meet more reading goals.

Sora users can create up to five and participate in up to two challenges at time.



Creating challenges

1. Log in to Sora.
2. Find **Reading Challenges** on the Me tab and select **Create Challenge**.
3. Enter the challenge details:
 - a. A challenge name—names must be unique, so consider adding a date range or other unique identifier!
 - b. A duration between seven and 365 days. Challenges begin at 12 a.m. local time on the start date and end at 11:59 p.m. local time on the end date. If you select today as the start date, the challenge begins right away.
 - c. The challenge type (most minutes or minutes per day).
4. Customize your challenge badge.
5. Review the challenge details and check the box if you'd like to join the challenge.
6. Select **Continue** to create the challenge and share it using the provided QR code, challenge link, or challenge code.

Visit *Sora Help* to learn more about reading goals, challenges, and more.

Make Reading Challenges exciting, flexible, and impactful

Reading Challenges are a powerful way to spark curiosity, build community, and keep students (and staff!) excited about reading. Bring them to life in creative ways that align with your literacy goals, parent engagement efforts, or district vision.

- **Connect to school culture:** Align challenges with spirit weeks, holidays, or school initiatives for year-round excitement.
- **Foster community:** Use challenges in book clubs, classrooms, or homerooms to encourage collaboration in different settings.
- **Offer enrichment:** Build advanced or personalized challenges for avid readers and explore challenges in clubs, AP classes, or with athletic teams.
- **Model lifelong learning:** Launch staff-wide challenges to promote professional growth and set a positive example for students.
- **Prevent the summer slide:** Keep reading habits strong with summer challenges and fun incentives—challenges are the perfect complement to Sora Sweet Reads!
- **Think big:** Host readathons, Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) campaigns, or use challenges to align with your district's Sustained Silent Reading (SSR) efforts.
- **Boost creativity and agency:** Enlist students to design badges, craft unique challenge names, or create "Beat the Teacher" challenges for extra fun.



Have a Reading Challenge success story to share?
Let us know at asksora@overdrive.com!