

Why can't I skip my 20 minutes of reading tonight?

Let's figure it out mathematically!

**Student A reads 20 minutes/five nights/every week.
Student B reads only 4 minutes a night (or not at all).**

**Step 1: Multiply minutes per night times 5 nights each week.
Student A reads $20 \times 5 = 100$ minutes.
Student B reads $4 \times 5 = 20$ minutes.**

**Step 2: Multiply minutes per week times 4 weeks per month.
Student A reads 400 minutes/month.
Student B reads 80 minutes/month.**

**Step 3: Multiply minutes per month times 9 school months/year.
Student A reads 3600 minutes/school year.
Student B reads 720 minutes/school year.**

**Student A practices reading the equivalent
of 10 whole school days each year.**

**Student B gets the equivalent of only 2
school days of reading practice.**

**By the end of sixth grade, if Student A and Student B
maintain these same reading habits:**

**Student A will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days.
Student B will have read the equivalent of only 12 school days.**