

Reading ruler and focus line

what it does

The reading ruler is a translucent bar that follows the line the student is reading. The rest of the page dims gently. It removes the visual noise of the surrounding text so the eyes can settle.

Best for: ADHD focus, Irlen visual stress, anyone who loses their place when scanning down a page.

turn it on

- Open Settings inside the reader.
- Find the Reading ruler section.
- Toggle ON. The bar appears straight away.
- Tap to advance the line, or let auto-read move it for you.

when to use it

- Long passages of dense text, such as a chapter book or comprehension paper.
- Worksheets with multiple questions on one page.
- Whenever a student keeps re-reading the same line or skipping lines.

when to leave it off

- Short paragraphs, picture books, or pages with lots of illustrations.
- Students who are practising whole-page tracking on purpose.
- Group reading where everyone is following along together on a shared screen.

pair it with tints

If the reader still feels glarey, layer the ruler with one of the Irlen tint overlays (rose, peach, mint, sky). Many students find a peach tint plus the focus line is the calmest combination.