

30 Minutes?

It is important that you read at least 30 minutes every night. I don't give much homework in my class because I expect you to be reading. Here's why:

Student A reads 30 minutes five nights of every week.

Student B reads only 4 minutes a night, or not at all!

Step 1: Multiply minutes a night by 5 times each week.

Student A: $30 \text{ min} \times 5 \text{ nights} = 150 \text{ min/wk}$

Student B: $4 \text{ min} \times 5 \text{ nights} = 20 \text{ min/wk}$

Step 2: Multiply minutes a week by 4 weeks each month.

Student A: $150 \text{ min} \times 4 \text{ weeks} = 600 \text{ min/month}$

Student B: $20 \text{ min} \times 4 \text{ weeks} = 80 \text{ min/month}$

Step 3: Multiply minutes a month by 9 months of the school year.

Student A: $600 \text{ min} \times 9 \text{ months} = 5,400 \text{ min/school yr}$

Student B: $80 \text{ min} \times 9 \text{ months} = 720 \text{ min/wk}$

Now let's evaluate:

Student A reads 5,400 minutes in a school year.

Student B reads 720 minutes in a school year.

Student A practices the reading equivalent of more than twelve whole school days/ year.

Student B gets the equivalent of less than two school days of reading practice.

Some questions to ponder:

1. Which student would you expect to read better?
2. Which student would you expect to know more?
3. Which student would you expect to write better?
4. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?
5. Which student would you expect to be more successful in school and in life?