

Read Along (Bolo) — Google's AI reading tutor for low-literacy children in India

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Quality score: 96/100

Evidence strength: Quasi-experimental

Summary

Google's offline, speech-recognition reading tutor, launched in India as Bolo in 2019, gives children real-time voice feedback as they read aloud. A controlled pilot and an independent 2020 study both measured meaningful reading-fluency gains among beginner readers.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	4/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	1/1
Demonstrated reach	1/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-13

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