Annotations with Sora

New to Sora? Watch this [how-to video](#) and read [Sora Help articles](#) to learn about **definitions, highlights, and notes** in Sora.

What Gets Exported?

Recently defined words

Students can sort recently defined words by *date added* or *alphabetically* before they export.
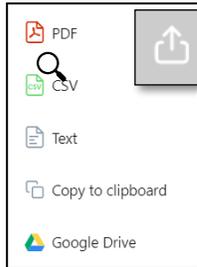
The exported file contains a list of the defined words only, not the definitions.

Notes and highlights

Before exporting, students can *search within* their notes and highlights. They can also *filter* their annotations by color or type, or they can choose to export notes and highlights for a *single title*. However notes and highlights are filtered on screen is what will export!

The exported list of notes or highlight contains:
- Annotation type (note or highlight)
- Title and author, or jacket cover
- Color of highlight
- Contents of note (if applicable)
- Highlighted text
- Position in the text (as a %)
- Date added

Export options shown: PDF, CSV, Text, Copy to clipboard, Google Drive

Example of an exported list of notes & highlights

Examples of an exported note

> **Note**   Apr 10, 2020   Position: 24.1%
> **example 1**
> **- on:** ""It really works?" he said after the customer left. Mr. Gunnar used to have such a bushy mustache that talking to him was like trying to lip-read a walrus."

PDF

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Title: Song for a Whale -- Author: Lynne Kelly

Green Note:
example 1
_on the text:_
""It really works?" he said after the customer left. Mr. Gunnar used to have such a bushy mustache that talking to him was like trying to lip-read a walrus."

created on: Apr 10, 2020 at position 24.1%
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Text

Title	Author	Date	Position	Color	Highlighted Text	Note
Song for a Whale	Lynne Kelly	10-Apr-20	24.1	Green	""It really works?" he said after the customer left. Mr. Gunnar used to have such a bushy mustache that talking to him was like trying to lip-read a walrus."	

CSV

Examples of an exported list of defined words

PDF

Defined Words
- apprehension
- beak
- brutal
- childish
- combination
- curious
- delivering
- demonstrate

Text
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EXPORT NOTES & HIGHLIGHTS TO CSV

Students can integrate Cornell Notes concepts and structure with Sora's annotation and exporting tools to enhance learning.

Facts and cues. While reading, students highlight key "facts", or important information. Notes can be used to add a "cue", such as a question or keyword to signal each fact.

Position	Highlighted Text (NOTES)	Note (CUES)
54.5	"Halley's Comet. It makes an orbit about every 76 years, and it can easily be seen without a telescope. Halley's Comet will return in 2061. "	What is the most famous comet?
52.3	"chunks of rock and ice. They range in size from a few feet across to hundreds of miles in diameter."	asteroids
29.5	"the distance between Earth and the Sun (not shown at actual scale). Astronomers often use AUs to measure distances in the solar system. "	astronomical unit (AU)
43.2	"mostly made of gas and ice"	What are the four outer planets made of?
38.6	"The four planets closest to the Sun"	Which planets are the rocky planets?
25	"When Earth casts its shadow on the Moon"	lunar eclipse
54.5	"We have identified a few thousand comets, but there are probably billions or trillions of comets orbiting the Sun."	How many comets likely exist?
50	"A moon is a body that orbits a planet, dwarf planet, or asteroid."	What is the moon?

Quotes from *Solar System*, by Steve Jenkins

Edits and customization. Delete unneeded columns, edits notes and cues, or add columns, color, or other formatting.

USE A TEMPLATE

When exporting, students can choose "Copy to clipboard" (or export as a Text file) to easily copy and paste highlighted facts into a notes template. After reading, they can add cues and notes!

SAMPLE NOTES TEMPLATE
(Cornell Notes Style)

Name: Dominic

Class: Science

Lesson or Book Title: Solar System Unit

CUES	NOTES
Questions or key words to signal each fact.	Important facts from your reading or from class.
Which planets are the terrestrial planets?	*Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars are the rocky planets.*

Copy and paste important information and facts here!

SUMMARY
Brief summary of the main ideas.

See the **Vocabulary** section below for tips about exporting recently defined words.

VOCABULARY
New words & concepts from your reading or from class.

QUESTIONS & CONNECTIONS
Your questions & connections to other ideas.

Templates. Try our sample notes template, available in the Training Kit, or create your own for students to use!

Looking for more ways to use Sora? Explore our other Training Kits! Download **Reading to Learn with Sora** or **Student Learning at Home** today!

Try this! Students or teachers can **print** exported notes and highlights to **cut and paste** into a spiral notebook, a paper collage, or an art project.

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💬 DISCUSSION STARTERS

Try this! *Students' annotations can be used as discussion starters.*

- ✓ **Highlight.** While reading, students highlight examples or quotes and have the option to add a note (like a reflection or question).
- ✓ **Filter and Export.** Students export their notes and highlights for a particular title (or can sort by color or type before exporting).
- ✓ **Share with teacher.** Students share their exported notes and highlights with their teacher using email, Dropbox, etc.
- ✓ **Distribute to students.** Teachers can cut exported notes and highlights into individual strips to use in the classroom.
  For a virtual discussion, consider copy/pasting or taking a screenshot of notes and highlights and sharing with students via Google Classroom, class website, email, etc.
- ✓ **Discuss**. Use these anonymous annotations as discussion starters for a small group or the whole class. Students can go to that passage in the ebook by sliding the progress bar to the indicated position (%) in the text.

📑 VOCABULARY

Try this! *Students can keep a log of new vocabulary, study flashcards, and more.*

- ✓ **Define.** While reading, students define unknown words. Sora keeps a list of their recently defined words.
- ✓ **Sort and export.** Sorting *by date added* before exporting can show students' their most recently defined words. These can be exported as a new file or copied and pasted into an existing document.
- ✓ **Create.**
  - ○ **Log.** Each week, students can copy words to an ongoing vocabulary list.
  - ○ **Flashcards.** Copy or export to a text file to create and print vocabulary flashcards to study. *Try **drawing** the definition!*
  - ○ **Assignments.** Export or copy words to the clipboard and write vocabulary sentences. Or, print and cut a list of recently defined words to use in a word sort activity.
- ✓ **Share.** Documents can be stored privately for student use or shared with a teacher or parent.
- ✓ **Delete.** Once they learn the meaning of a new word, students can delete it from their recently defined list in Sora. Alternately, students can set a reminder to delete recently defined words in Sora every month, quarter, etc.