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- Viewing them enlarged (on a computer screen or printed out)
- Seeing and hearing the words at the same time
- Reading braille (digital or hardcopy)

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