

# Failing to read

Globally, **fewer than 6 out of 10 children** can read by the end of primary.



## Disparities in reading

### By gender:

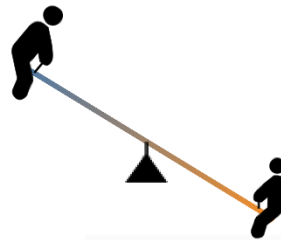
Boys are **10% less likely** than girls to acquire foundational reading skills.



Boys

### By attendance:

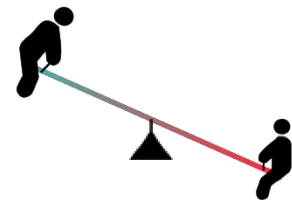
**Out-of-school children** are **50% less likely** to acquire foundational reading skills than those in school.



Out-of-School Children

### By wealth:

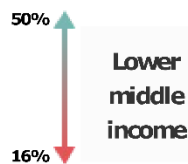
The **poorest** students are **40% less likely** to acquire foundational reading skills than the **richest**.



Poorest Children

## Disparities among countries

The **richest** children in **poorer countries** have **lower levels of reading proficiency** than the **poorest** children in **richer countries**



## Reading disparities exacerbated by the digital divide

The digital divide risks widening the already striking skills gap.

Foundational Reading Skills Home Internet Access

