

# Using the Reading API

The Reading API for this site allows users and apps to access book and chapter objects in JSON format. The url for the Read API is the site's base url plus "api.php" (e.g., <https://edtechbooks.org/api.php>).

Two types of objects may be requested via the Read API: (a) a book or (b) a chapter. Book calls require the *book* variable, which will look up the book based upon the unique "short name" provided. Chapter calls require both the *book* variable and the *chapter* variable, which will look up the chapter based upon the unique "short name" for each.

## Usage

The API may be used to display content in your own site or app provided that you include proper attribution for the content and the hosting site.

## Variables

Variable	Type	Status	Description
book	string	required	The short name of the book, which is the last part of the book's base or cover url. For example: <a href="http://edtechbooks.org/qualitativeinquiry">http://edtechbooks.org/qualitativeinquiry</a>
chapter	string	optional	The short name of the chapter, which is the last part of the chapter's url. For example: <a href="http://edtechbooks.org/qualitativeinquiry/storyanalysis">http://edtechbooks.org/qualitativeinquiry/storyanalysis</a>
key	string	unused	The Reading API currently does not require a key.

## Examples

To request the book object for <https://edtechbooks.org/-pKW>, the API call would be:

```
https://edtechbooks.org/api.php?book=k12handbook
```

To request the chapter object for <https://edtechbooks.org/-pKW>, the API call would be:

```
https://edtechbooks.org/api.php?book=k12handbook&chapter=connectivism
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## Authentication

The API currently does not require a key, but that could change as the site and its services develop. For more information on future plans for the API or to request a key, please contact the [site administrator \[mailto:admin@edtechbooks.org\]](mailto:admin@edtechbooks.org).



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