

Method	Blocking	Style	Reads Full File	Best For
<code>fs.readFileSync()</code>	✔ Yes	Sync	✔ Yes	Simple scripts, setup tasks
<code>fs.readFile()</code>	✘ No	Callback	✔ Yes	General async usage
<code>fs.promises.readFile()</code>	✘ No	Promise	✔ Yes	Modern async/await code
<code>fs.createReadStream()</code>	✘ No	Stream	✘ No (chunked)	Large files, efficient memory use