

Technology to Support Reading

PC / laptop

Word 2010 has the facility to add speech to read back any text produced or documents. Google 'how to enable **text to speech** in Microsoft Word 2010' to help you set that up.

Open dyslexic or **dyslexie** – FREE fonts that can be downloaded to support dyslexic readers

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brown dog.

Natural Reader v15 - FREE text to speech tool. Floating tool bar. Will read variety of file types including pdf.

Text Help read&write – www.texthelp.com - FREE to teachers text to speech tool that can be used on a variety of platforms.

Accessibility tools for Windows - Google for information on setting up magnifier, text to speech, font and colour personalisation of your computer screen.

Useful websites

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Access to 250 **FREE** ebooks which can be read on PC or tablet. Books are supported by read aloud if desired.

www.rnibbookshare.org

RNIB Bookshare is a free online service providing accessible books for reading disabled learners. This includes school textbooks, fiction and non-fiction titles which can be downloaded and read with text to speech tools, font/layout changed etc.

www.bdatech.org

Useful website on technology to support dyslexic learners







www.callscotland.org.uk

CALL Scotland (Communication, Access, Literacy & Learning) has a great range of information and resources around technology to support learners.

ipad accessibility features

Text to speech, speak screen, larger type, invert colours

Access through ipad - Settings → General → Accessibility

Apps to support reading	
	Claro Scanpen iOS £6.99 / Android £2.99 Takes a photo of any text and reads it aloud. Select from a variety of voices and speeds.
	Voice Dream Reader iOS £14.99 / Android £7.99 Will open and read aloud a wide variety of file types. Highlights text while reading. Dyslexie font available. Try before you buy with Lite version.
	Collins Big Cat books iOS FREE Choice of 8 books aimed at 4-6yrs. Choose from having the story read to you or read it yourself. Can record and playback own voice reading. Create a story option for you to make your own version.
	Nosy Crow Fairy Tales iOS £4.99 each Interactive reading experience where gaming and reading meet!
	Hairy Letters & Hairy Phonics iOS / Android £2.99 Multisensory learning of letter names and sounds.
	Chimp Fu iOS / Android £2.99 Great game to practice chunking and syllable division.

Technology to Support Writing and Spelling

www.talktyper.com

Free website that enables accurate voice typing. Access through Google Chrome.

Google docs – voice typing

Access through Google Chrome and a Google email account. Accurate voice typing option (select **Tools** then **voice typing**).

Google ‘read&write’ extension (FREE for teachers) enables text to speech feedback to aid proof reading.

Software

Clicker 7 – features include word processor with built-in support tools and child-friendly interface, planning tool, audio note creator, speech feedback in a child’s voice, word prediction, sentence building grids.

DocsPlus – 11+ yrs supportive writing software with high quality speech, powerful word prediction and acclaimed wordbars for curriculum vocabulary support.

ipad – voice dictation (Internet connection required)

Tap the microphone button on the on-screen keyboard. Talk. Tap Done when finished.

(Some ipads may need to have dictation enabled - Settings → General → Keyboard → Dictation → On)

ipad – predictive text

ios8 upwards offers predictive text on the system keyboard. Alternatively, keyboards are available on the app store offering predictive text as well as custom themes, layouts, font, colour etc

Ipad apps to support writing & spelling (some also available on Android)		
	Spell Better Simple word processor with predictive text and text to speech feedback.	FREE
	Kids Doodle Drawing app that is great for practising spellings and handwriting.	FREE
	Simplex Spelling Sight Words Select from various lists of words. Word is spoken for you to spell. Hints are given in the form of feasible letter choices which develops children’s phonic knowledge. Multi user set up. Simplex Spelling Phonics also available.	£3.99
	A+ Spelling Set up and record your own word lists. Variety of practice options plus test that identifies words to keep working on.	FREE
	Squeebles Spelling (5-11yrs) Choose from preset word lists or record your own. Play games to rescue Squeebles and collect rewards as you learn. Notes your personal tricky words for extra practice. Multi user set up.	£2.99
	Hairy Words 1 (5-7yrs) Learn 100 high frequency sight words	£2.99
	Story Creator Create and record your own stories using photos, drawings and texts.	FREE