

Free or Low Cost Assistive Technology Resources

Reading and Literacy Support

Program: Natural Reading

Cost: Free

Information: <https://www.naturalreaders.com/>

- Text to Speech
- Works with PDF, Docx, TXT and ePub
- Change speed and speaker
- Floating bar to read text in other applications

Program: Mercury Reader

Cost: Free

Information: <https://mercury.postlight.com/reader/>

- Remove clutter from webpages for easier reading
- Customize the size of the text, the font, and if it's a light or dark themed background
- Send the reading to Kindle for reading on that device
- Add to Chrome for free

Program: Rewordify

Cost: Free

Information: <http://rewordify.com>

- Rewordify replaces higher-level vocabulary with words that are
- easier to understand
- Help build understanding within readings and builds vocabulary
- Difficult words are replaced and highlighted
- Click on the words that were replaced to see the original word in the text

Program: Text2speech

Cost: Free

Information: <http://www.text2speech.org/>

- Free online text-to-speech converter
- Enter text, select one of the voices and download or listen to the resulting mp3 file
- Customize voice and speed
- 4000 character limit to text read

Grammar

Program: Grammarly

Cost: Free

Information: <https://www.grammarly.com/>

- Add to Chrome for free
- Grammarly works anywhere within your Chrome browser
- Assists with writing mistakes, spelling errors, vocabulary usage, and contextual errors
- Floating bar to read text in other applications

Vision

Program: TapTapSee

Cost: Free

Information: <http://taptapseeapp.com/>

- A mobile camera application designed specifically for the blind and visually impaired iOS users
- User double-taps the device's screen to photograph any two or three dimensional object and any angle, and have it accurately analyzed and defined
- The device's VoiceOver then speaks the identification audibly to the user
- Use the app to help identify everyday objects

Program: ER Browser

Cost: \$0.99

Information: <http://erbrowser.com/>

- Compatible with all iOS devices
- Adapt and adjust webpages to your own reading preferences
- Choose your font (including OpenDyslexic) font
- Customize color, adjust font size and letter spacing
- You can even browse the web directly from this Browser

Dictation/Speech-To-Text/Speech Recognition

Program: Voice Typing in Google Docs

Cost: Free

Information: <https://support.google.com/docs/answer/4492226?hl=en>

- Feature is available in Chrome browsers
- Use voice typing and voice commands to input text

Time Management

Program: Cold Turkey

Cost: Free

Information: <https://getcoldturkey.com/>

- Compatible with Windows and Mac
- Your personal toolkit for blocking distractions
- Set a timer that will keep you from access blocked websites

Program: CamScanner

Cost: Free

Information: <https://www.camscanner.com/>

- Compatible with iOS, Android, Windows Phone 8
- Save time and notetaking by using your camera phone to scan documents, notes, whiteboards, and other documents
- Add notes to your scanned documents

Built-In Accessibility

Program: Built-In Accessibility for Windows

Cost: Free

Information: <http://www.microsoft.com/enable/default.aspx>

- Personalize your Windows Computer with any of the built-in accessibility features to support seeing, hearing, and more.
- Screen Reader/Text-to-Speech, magnification, key commands, ability to personalize the appearance of the computer
- List of all features are available: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/accessibility>

Program: Built-In Accessibility for Mac

Cost: Free

Information: <http://www.apple.com/accessibility/osx/>

- Personalize your Mac Computer with any of the built-in accessibility features to support seeing, hearing, and more.
- Text-to-Speech, Zoom, High contrast, Sticky Keys, and other options available