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<http://speedchange.blogspot.com/>

FreeTech PowerPoint <http://www.slideshare.net/irasocol/free-tech-universal-tools>

Toolbelt Theory PowerPoint <http://www.slideshare.net/irasocol/toolbelt-theory>

Evaluation PowerPoint <http://www.slideshare.net/irasocol/evaluation-for-assistive-technology>

Free Literacy Software

Speech Enabled within Acrobat Reader

Adobe Acrobat Reader with Speech (v. 9.x or 8.x):

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

Netbook (Adobe Reader for Project Gutenberg)

http://www.adobe.com/cfusion/exchange/index.cfm?event=extensionDetail&loc=en_us&extid=1328518

Microsoft Reader with RMR, Dictionaries, Text to Speech

Download the basic program - <http://www.microsoft.com/reader/downloads/pc.aspx>
(desktop or laptop) - or - <http://www.microsoft.com/reader/downloads/tablet.aspx> (tablet PC)

Then download the Text-to-Speech (TTS) software -

<http://www.microsoft.com/reader/developers/downloads/tts.aspx>

Then the Dictionaries (the Encarta if you want right-click word definition) -

<http://www.microsoft.com/reader/downloads/dictionaries.aspx> -

Finally, right-now for Word2000 or Word2003 only, the "RMR" tool, which puts a toolbar icon in your Microsoft Word which allows instant conversion of any text into the E-book format - <http://www.microsoft.com/reader/developers/downloads/rmr.aspx> -

Microsoft folks assure me that a Word2007 version is on the way.

Natural Reader Free Version

<http://www.naturalreaders.com/> (install Free Version Only)

When using Natural Reader you do not have to cut and paste information into a box to be read. You simply select the text you want to hear and use the floating "MiniBoard" to start the reading program.

Read Please Free

<http://www.readplease.com/english/downloads/#rp2003>

Requires you to cut and paste text into a window for reading.

Firefox 3 with CLiCk-Speak, and translation, and dictionary

<http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/> (Install Firefox Browser)

Click speak is a text reader embedded in the Firefox web browser.

<http://clickspeak.clcworld.net/downloads.html> (Install CLiCk, Speak)

<https://addons.mozilla.org/firefox/918/> (Install gTranslate)

<https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/4037> (Dictionary Lookup Extension)

<https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/3414> (Dictionary Switcher)

at least 75 language dictionaries can be added to Firefox and controlled with the Dictionary Switcher which allows “flag click” switching

<https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/4870> (Google Map Locator)

<http://www.awesomehighlighter.com/> (Awesome Highlighter)

<https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/4242> (Accessibar)

Alternative Speaking Browser

Opera Browser with speech (must be enabled through download in tools menu)

<http://www.opera.com/>

Word Talk

<http://www.wordtalk.org.uk/>

Free text-to-speech plugin that works with all versions of Microsoft Word (from Word 97 and up). It speaks and highlights the text of the document when it is used. It also contains a talking dictionary to help determine which word spelling is most appropriate. New version allows text to be converted to speech and saved as an MP3 for portability.

DSpeech

<http://www.oatsoft.org/Software/dspeech>

Free Text-To-Speech and Speech Recognition

PowerTalk

<http://prdownloads.sourceforge.net/powertalk/PowerTalk-1.2.11.exe?download>

Reader for PowerPoint presentations

Amis - Free Daisy Reader for Windows

<http://amis.sourceforge.net/>

install directions see

<http://www.daisy.org/projects/save-as-daisy-microsoft/>

Talking Calculator

<http://www.myzips.com/software/Talking-Calculator.phtml>

Graphing Calculator

<http://www.graphcalc.com/>

Free USB Flash Drive based Accessibility Suites

Access Apps, LearnApps, and TeachApps are freeware suites developed by RSC Scotland to support learners with a variety of differences, and those who teach them. These suites download to your computer and are then installed on any 2gb or larger flash drive. Plug into any PC and access is there.

<http://www.rsc-ne-scotland.ac.uk/eduapps/accessapps.php>

Free Writing Supports

Click-N-Type – the on-screen, programmable keyboard

<http://www.lakefolks.org/cnt/>

basic program <http://www.lakefolks.org/cnt/CNTzip.exe>

word prediction list <http://www.lakefolks.org/cnt/Words.exe>

typing sounds keyboard preference <http://www.lakefolks.org/cnt/Screen-Shot-17.jpg>

Speech package American English Male <http://www.lakefolks.org/cnt/Speech.exe>

Speech package American English Female <http://www.lakefolks.org/cnt/Alternate-Speech.exe>

KeyCaps Internal Files <http://www.lakefolks.org/cnt/Internal-Keycaps.zip>

British English Speech Packs <http://www.lakefolks.org/cnt/lpacks.htm#LP-British>

Language Packs <http://www.lakefolks.org/cnt/lpacks.htm> install both Spanish, Portuguese, French (traditional, Canadian), Algerian, Chinese, Korean, Japanese with speech supports and multi-language administrator <http://www.lakefolks.org/cnt/LC-Config-setup.exe>

Ghotit

<http://www.ghotit.com/home.shtml>

Add-On Microsoft Word context-based spellcheck for dyslexia and English Language Learners (Free to Schools). Also available as a free Website to check spelling

DKey

<http://www.oatsoft.org/Software/dkey/>

Phone-based on-screen keypad for text-entry with disambiguating predictive spelling

Tapir

<http://www.inference.phy.cam.ac.uk/tapir/>

Phone-based on-screen keypad for text-entry with disambiguating predictive spelling

Paid Literacy Software Applications

WYNN

<http://www.freedomscientific.com/LSG/products/WYNN.asp>

Full-featured Literacy Support System (Read/Write/Web) with dual-level text highlighting, advanced voices, study supports, scanning, and “exact view”

Read-and-Write-Gold

<http://www.texthelp.com/>

Full-featured Literacy Support System (Read/Write/Web) which operates within other desktop programs.

On-Line Bookmarks

Free Text-To-MP3 Conversion

YakItToMe <http://www.yakitome.com/>

VozMe <http://vozme.com/>

Free Digital Libraries

Gutenberg http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page

Gutenberg Australia <http://gutenberg.net.au/>

UVA <http://etext.virginia.edu/ebooks/>

Accessible Book Collection (requires free educational registration)

<http://www.accessiblebookcollection.org/>

Fordham <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/Sbook.html>

Online Books at the University of Pennsylvania <http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/>

LibriVox (AudioBooks) - <http://librivox.org/>

Free Classic Audio Books - <http://freeclassicaudiobooks.com/>

Literature Network - <http://www.online-literature.com/>

Bookshare (Free to Schools for Students with Print Disabilities) -

<http://www.bookshare.org/>

Writing

Ghotit - <http://www.ghotit.com/home.shtml>

Webspiration - <http://mywebspiration.com/>

Phone-based Reading Supports

Dial2Do

Dial2Do allows non-readers to send text messages. For free. Sign up at <http://www.dial2do.com/> and then call their number and speak your text and tell them where to send it. An essential employment tool for those who struggle with print, also for anyone who drives.

AbbyMe

AbbyMe is the reverse of Dial2Do, it allows "you" (or a boss) to text a voice message to a non-reader. For free. Sign up, or just use the service, at <http://www.abbyme.com/> You type the message, AbbyMe calls the person and speaks it.

Click-N-Type

TopOCR

TopOCR - <http://freeware4review.blogspot.com/2008/03/convert-your-mobile-phone-or-digital.html> - can be added to SmartPhones to allow the phones to function as mobile text-to-speech scanners.



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