**Apps to help with Remote Learning**

This is a list of things you can do to make reading and writing easier when you are learning from home. Each section has a link for how to do it on Google, Apple, Microsoft or Android. Just click the one for the device you use.

** Help with reading**

1. **Reading websites and work out loud**

**Google Chrome** 

* **Read Aloud** - When you have installed it in google chrome, you can select whatyou want to read and click the loudspeaker icon. [://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/read-aloud-a-text-to-spee/hdhinadidafjejdhmfkjgnolgimiaplp?hl=en](https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/read-aloud-a-text-to-spee/hdhinadidafjejdhmfkjgnolgimiaplp?hl=en)
* You can turn on **‘Screen Reader**’ in your school google account

[Get help reading text on a screen - Computer - Google Account Help](https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/7177379?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en&oco=1)

**iPAD/iOS **

* ‘Speak selection’ or ‘Speak Screen

[Using Speak Selection on Your Ipad](https://www.callscotland.org.uk/blog/using-speak-selection-on-your-ipad/)

* [**Text to Speech on iPads and iPhones**](https://www.callscotland.org.uk/information/text-to-speech/text-to-speech-ipad/)

**Microsoft Word** 

* You can download this and add it to Word <https://www.wordtalk.org.uk/home/>
* You can use the Microsoft Windows dictation command for your whole windows computer <https://www.wikihow.com/Dictate-on-Word>
* You can use ‘Speak text to speech’ in Word or Powerpoint [Use the Speak text-to-speech feature to read text aloud](https://support.office.com/en-gb/article/use-the-speak-text-to-speech-feature-to-read-text-aloud-459e7704-a76d-4fe2-ab48-189d6b83333c)

**Android **

* [Select to Speak - Android Accessibility Help](https://support.google.com/accessibility/android/answer/7349565?hl=en)
* [Text-to-speech output - Android Accessibility Help](https://support.google.com/accessibility/android/answer/6006983?hl=en)
* [Text To Speech Reader](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.abhi.tts.free) (download the app)

**2. Pain or headaches or blurry vision when you read**:

**Change the background colour or add a tint to the screen**

**Google chrome** 

* **Colour Overlay** for Google Chrome to reduce the contrast - [Ad Added Color Overlay 2](https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/color-overlay/glejbiebgbadpnhcjmidgclkjeelddgk?hl=en)

**iPAD/iOS **

* [**How to use Display Accommodations on iPhone and iPad**](https://www.imore.com/how-use-display-accommodations-and-color-filters-iphone-and-ipad)

**Microsoft Word** 

* [**Add, change, or delete the background color in Word**](https://support.office.com/en-gb/article/add-change-or-delete-the-background-color-in-word-db481e61-7af6-4063-bbcd-b276054a5515)

**Android **

* Download a colour overlay app like **Screen Overlays** [play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.devahead.screenoverlays](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.devahead.screenoverlays)
* Or **Tintvision** [**play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.emcreations.tintvision&hl=en\_GB**](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.emcreations.tintvision&hl=en_GB)

**3. Make the writing bigger:**

**Google Chrome** 

* [Change text, image and video sizes (zoom) - Google Chrome Help](https://support.google.com/chrome/answer/96810?hl=en-GB)

**iPAD/iOS **

* Use the ‘Zoom’ function - [How to use Zoom in Accessibility on iPhone and iPad](https://www.imore.com/how-use-zoom-accessibility-iphone-and-ipad)
* [Using the Ipad to Support Learners with Visual Difficulties](https://www.callscotland.org.uk/blog/using-the-ipad-to-support-learners-with-visual-difficulties/)

**Microsoft Word**

* [Change the font size](https://support.office.com/en-gb/article/change-the-font-size-931e064e-f99f-4ba4-a1bf-8047a35552be)

**Android **

* [**Magnification - Android Accessibility Help**](https://support.google.com/accessibility/android/answer/6006949?hl=en)
* [**Font size and display size - Android Accessibility Help**](https://support.google.com/accessibility/android/answer/6006972?hl=en&ref_topic=9079043)

**Help with writing**

**Speaking what you want to type (dictation)**

**Google Chrome** 

* **Google Docs** Open a new document and clicking ‘Tools’ and selecting ‘voice typing’ [Voice Typing in Google Docs](https://www.smore.com/91m4v-voice-typing-in-google-docs)

**iPAD/iOS **

* **Speaking what you want to type (dictation)**

[**https://www.callscotland.org.uk/information/speech-recognition/siri/**](https://www.callscotland.org.uk/information/speech-recognition/siri/)

**Microsoft office (Word)** 

* [**Dictate**](https://www.callscotland.org.uk/information/speech-recognition/dictate/)isan app you can download and add to Microsoft word
* You can use a tool in Word to let you speak what you want to write - instructions here: [Dictate text using Speech Recognition - Windows Help](https://support.microsoft.com/en-gb/help/14198/windows-7-dictate-text-using-speech-recognition)

**Android **

* Use **google voice typing** on your device[**Android**](https://www.callscotland.org.uk/information/speech-recognition/android/)

**Help with new/tricky word meanings**

* An excellent online dictionary with simple, easy to understand definitions is **Cambridge Learner’s Dictionary** - [Definitions & Meanings](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/)****
* You can search by saying the word in the Merriam Webster dictionary , so spelling isn’t important. [**Dictionary by Merriam-Webster: America's most-trusted online dictionary**](https://www.merriam-webster.com/) use online or download app for apple/androi**d. **
* Merriam Webster Visual Dictionary - This uses images to help you remember word meanings <http://www.visualdictionaryonline.com/index.php> use online or download app for apple/androi**d. **