

# FREE Text-To-Speech Programs

Step by step directions on how to install and use free text-to-speech programs



## Read&Write

*Read&Write is a literacy support tool that offers help with reading text out loud and other features.*

### Install Desktop Version:

- Go to: <https://www.texthelp.com/products/read-and-write-education/>
- Scroll down and select **Try Read&Write**
- Select computer type (Windows or Mac)
- **Read&Write.exe** will download. Open and click **Accept and Install**
- After installing, Read&Write should be available on the Desktop


### How to use:

- Open **Read&Write** on the Desktop
- If prompted, sign in with **Microsoft** using your **Cayuga** email address and password
- A tool bar should appear at the top of the screen
- On the computer, open the document:
  - > If it's a **Word** doc, open it in Word
  - > If it's a **PDF**, open the PDF
  - > If it's a **webpage**, please use Read&Write's **Google Chrome Extension** (*see below*)
- With the mouse, highlight the text and click **Play** ► in the toolbar
- Go to settings in the toolbar to change the voice or the speed


Go to [RW Quick Reference Guide](#) for information about additional support tools



### Install Google Chrome Extension: Compatible with Brightspace

- Using **Google Chrome**, go to: [Read&Write for Google Chrome](#)
- Click on **Add to Chrome**
- Select the **Add extension** option in the pop-up window
- Under extensions in the top right corner, click on the  icon
- If prompted, sign into email account to complete activation

### How to use:

- Using Google Chrome, navigate to Brightspace (or any webpage)
- Click on the  icon extensions in the top right corner
- The **Read&Write** toolbar will appear at the top of the browser
- Highlight text on the webpage and click **Play** ►
- To change the settings (voice, speed, etc.), click on ... and select **Options**

## To read PDFs from Google Drive using **Read&Write for Google Chrome**:

- Open a PDF in Google Drive and click “Open with”
- Select Read&Write for Google Chrome
- If prompted, continue to **OrbitNote** and sign into an email account
- The PDF will open with the **Read&Write** toolbar at the top.
- Highlight text in the PDF and click Play ▶




## EquatIO

*Equation writer to create accessible digital Math. Take a screenshot of the equation with EquatIO's Screenshot Reader to convert it into **accessible math**, which will read the equation aloud.*

### Install Desktop Version Compatible with Brightspace & Pearson MyLab & Mastering

- Go to: <https://www.texthelp.com/products/equatior/>
- Scroll down and select **Try EquatIO**
- Select computer type (Windows or Mac)
- **EquatIO.exe** will download. Open and click **Accept and Install**
- After installing, **EquatIO** should be available on the Desktop

#### **How to use Screenshot Reader:**

- Open **EquatIO** on the Desktop
- If prompted, sign in with **Microsoft** using **Cayuga** email address and password
- A tool bar should appear at the bottom of the screen
- On the computer, open the math document
  - > If it's a **webpage**, navigate to the site
  - > If it's a **Word** doc, open it in Word
  - > If it's a **PDF**, open the PDF, etc.
- Select EquatIO's Screenshot Reader in the toolbar 
- Drag a box around the equation using the mouse
- The equation will be converted into accessible math and read aloud

Go to [EquatIO Quick Reference Guide](#) for information about additional features.