

Reading Assistive Technology

	Microsoft Edge Immersive Reader	Microsoft Word & OneNote Read Aloud	Apple Spoken Selection	Google Docs
Online Use	✓		✓	✓
Offline Use		✓	✓	
Compatibility	Mac, Windows, Android	Mac, Windows, Android	Mac devices only	All internet browsers

Do you have difficulty reading text on a screen for short or long periods?

Consider these 3 AT suggestions:

Font

- Some fonts can appear less crowded and easier to read than others. Try changing to the fonts below;
 - Calibri
 - Comic Sans
 - Verdana
 - OpenDyslexic typeface, available [via Chrome extension](#)

Glare

- Glare can impact sustained reading. Reduce your glare by;
 - Closing blinds or curtains
 - Using a glare filter
 - Reducing brightness on the computer
 - Change the background colour with some of the on-screen reading AT below



Immersive Reader

- Change font and background colours to personalise your on-screen reading experience
- Remove the busyness/distractions of a webpage and focus on the important information
- Line Focus tool can help with tracking what you are reading visually
- Reading masking to focus on the areas you want

Video on how to set up [immersive reader in MS Edge](#)

Do you have difficulty reading or processing written material? Do you have trouble managing your reading load?

Listening to articles read aloud makes it easier for some students to process them. This could be done by listening only or listening and following the text.

Some **free** read-aloud options we recommend are:



Microsoft Edge Browser

- Automatically built into the browser
- Has immersive reader options
- Can read iLearn, webpages and papers via library website
- Large variety of voices to choose from, most natural sounding
- Can read in different languages

Video on how to use [read aloud on MS Edge browser](#)



Microsoft Word or



OneNote

- MQ students have [free access to the Microsoft 365 suite](#)
- Great for reading aloud written work

Video on how to set up [read aloud in Word](#)



Apple Spoken Selection Content

- In-built option with shortcut for Mac users
- Can be activated to be used across different applications
- Good offline option

Video on how to set up [speak selection on Mac](#)



Google Docs Screen Reader

- Useful for students to engage in group work with shared content
- Can be used on various devices
- Works in all browsers

Video on how to use [screen reader on Google Docs](#)

TOP TIP: To convert your text document into your preferred etext accessible format, then upload your file to our FREE [‘File Conversion Format’](#) service.

Need some troubleshooting support?

If you would like more detailed guides and support for engaging with AT for reading, writing and organising your notes then drop into the Wellbeing ‘Thrive Hub’ Activation for Assistive Technology support. For details and updates go to the [Student Wellbeing Skillsshops webpage](#).

If you are a student with more complex AT requirements due to the impact of your health condition, such as having low vision or hard of hearing, then you can [register with the Accessibility Service](#).