

Review of Digital Text Platforms and Features

Program	Compatible Platforms	TTS	Highlighting	Annotation	Font selection	Dictionary	Translation
VoiceDream Reader http://www.voicedream.com/ This platform contains TTS with synchronized word and line highlighting. It also allows the user to reduce the text area and auto-scroll, and has highlighting and note taking capabilities, plus the ability to change font and color scheme (includes OpenDyslexia font). It can also load and extract text from many sources and file formats.	iOS, android	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Wrise http://www.assistiveware.com/product/wrise https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/wrise/id938050665?mt=12 TTS and annotator for Mac computers and iPads. For the TTS, you can choose voice, speech rate and volume. Word and sentence highlighting is included, and it allows you to select font size and color. It contains zoom and EasyReading mode to eliminate distractions while reading.	Mac OS 10.9 or higher	✓	✓	✓			
Read and Write for Google https://rwchrome.texthelp.com/drive/Support/Home Read&Write is a premium extension for Chrome from TextHelp that offers supports for accessing text including TTS, translation, dictionary and picture dictionary, and annotation tools including the ability to highlight in different colors. It is free for teachers.	Google chrome extension	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Read and Write https://www.texthelp.com/en-us/products/read-and-write-family Read and Write literacy software makes the web, documents, and files more accessible through TTS, dictionary and picture dictionary, highlighting and outlining capabilities (An outline is automatically formed when students highlight text.)	Works on most platforms and devices	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Read Out Loud http://donjohnston.com/readoutloud/ TTS, highlighting, built in accessible web browser, outlining.	All common accessible book formats, Mac and PC	✓	✓	✓			

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<p>Kurzweil 3000-firefly https://www.kurzweiled.com/k3000-firefly/features.html</p> <p>In addition to TTS with highlighting, the software also gives students access the internet and reference sources to acquire source material. Students can organize their ideas with access to writing tools and supports including templates for organizing and outlining. Students also have access to different fonts including Open Dyslexic font and text magnification. It also contains a dictionary (picture and talking) and note tools including sticky notes and voice notes. It also has translation.</p>	<p>PC, Mac, iPad, and the web</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>		<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>	
<p>SpeakIt https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/speakit/pgeolalilifpodh-eeocdmbhehgnkkbak?hl=en-US</p> <p>TTS chrome extension.</p>	<p>Google Chrome</p>	<p>✓</p>					
<p>Natural Reader http://www.naturalreaders.com/index.html</p> <p>TTS for webpages.</p>	<p>Any webpage, Microsoft Word, PDFs, ePub</p>	<p>✓</p>					
<p>VitalSource Bookshelf https://www.vitalsource.com/bookshelf-features</p> <p>A collection of ebooks with specific interactive features including highlighting and annotating, easy navigation and options to manipulate the view of the text/images including the ability to scale images and text to any size with multi-level zoom.</p>	<p>Mac and PC, iPad, android, and kindle</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>			
<p>Bookshare web reader https://www.bookshare.org/cms/bookshare-me</p> <p>A large selection of ebooks with multiple accessibility options. Additionally, teachers can download NIMAC books currently in Bookshare's collection for their K-12 students who have an IEP.</p>	<p>Must have a print disability to access the content</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>				
<p>Diigo https://www.diigo.com/</p> <p>Web collector/annotator. Annotation tools including digital highlighters and sticky notes that can be placed on any webpage. It also allows for group collaboration on information.</p>	<p>Web-based platform</p>		<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>			

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Vyew http://vyew.com/s/ Online collaborative space where students can annotate/edit text and see each other's comments. Features include the ability to draw, annotate, highlight and comment on other students' work. Includes built in voice over and the ability to record voice notes.	PC, Mac, Linux		✓	✓			
Twiddla http://www.twiddla.com/ A web extension that allows you to take notes on the webpage and share it with others.	Web-based			✓			
AnnotateIt http://annotateit.org/ Allows you to annotate any webpage.	Any webpage			✓			
Audionote http://luminantsoftware.com/iphone/audionote.html Allows you to take audio or text notes.	PC, Mac, iOS, android			✓			
Curriculet https://www.curriculet.com/ An online library of ebooks with embedded supports including the ability to annotate. Teachers can also embed questions and quizzes and media annotations.	Any webpage			✓			
Shai visual dictionary http://blachan.com/shahi/ Visual dictionary that sources pictures from flickr, google or yahoo and its definitions from wiktionary.	Web-based					✓	
Google Translate https://translate.google.com/ Web translation tool.	Web-based						✓
Linguee http://www.linguee.com/ Translation dictionary.	Web-based						✓

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<p>Mindomo www.mindomo.com</p> <p>Online mind mapping tool that lets you create mind maps for outlining and organizing ideas visually.</p>	Web-based			✓			
<p>Bubbl.us https://bubbl.us/</p> <p>Mind mapping tool that allows students to organize ideas.</p>	Web-based, also iPad app			✓			
<p>ChromeVox http://www.chromevox.com/</p> <p>Screenreader for google chrome.</p>	Extension for Google Chrome	✓					
<p>Mac voiceover http://www.apple.com/accessibility/osx/voiceover/</p> <p>Screenreader enabling voiceover on a Mac or iPad.</p>	Mac/iPad	✓					
<p>Narrator http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/hear-text-read-aloud-narrator#1TC=windows-8</p> <p>Screen reader for windows.</p>	Windows	✓					