

Assistive Technology

What is it?

It's Software or Hardware

That can be:

Assistive

Adaptive

Supportive

SOFTWARE

Read & Write Gold v9

(Text-Speech)

Inspiration v8

(Mind-Mapping)

Dragon Naturally Speaking

(Voice-recognition)

Audio Notetaker

(Works with digital recorder)

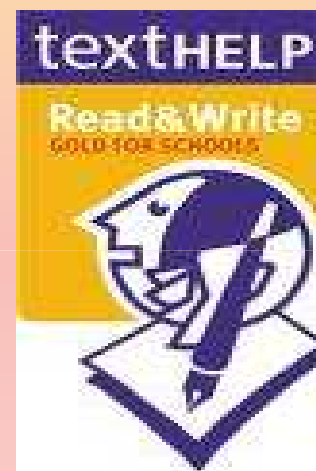
Live Scribe Pen

(Records & Converts Notes)

Read & Write Gold (Text Help Systems)

Main Features

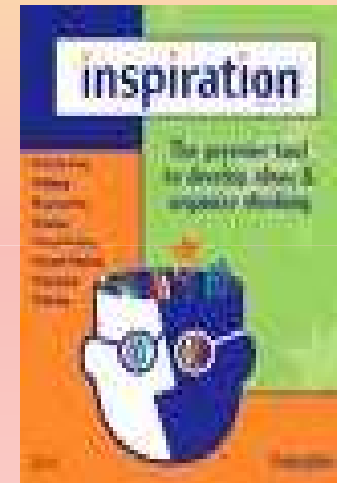
- Text-Speech software
- Allows you to create audio files via **Speechmaker**
- Create an electronic **Fact Folder**
- Set up hyperlinks using **Fact Finder**
- Highlights **Homophones**
- Access to an **Electronic Dictionary**
- Access to a word **Predictor**
- Highlights sentence/paragraph via **Screenshot Reader**
- Customize personal settings



Inspiration

Main Features

- Helps to organize thoughts and ideas
- Enhance memory skills
- Great for revising
- Prioritises work, by colour coding or numbering topics/sub-topics
- Can incorporate images, sounds, symbols and objects in to mind-map
- Useful for creating a study plan



Dragon Naturally Speaking

Main Features

- Voice recognition software
- Creates documents, emails, reports etc simply by speaking
- No need to use mouse or keyboard
- Program recognises speaker by imputing their voice during online training





Audio Notetaker

Main Features

- Import WMA, WAV or MP3 files break down your recordings into phrases and sections.
- Index new sections by in original recording
- Navigate through your recording
- Use your mouse to jump to any location within your recording.
- Edit your recording with cut, copy and paste.
- Customize display with colours.
- Add notes to each section or copy text from web pages or documents.
- Print or save your notes directly from Audio Notetaker or copy to another application.
- Highlight sections to help you organise and categorise your notes.
- Label your recordings dates, times ,speaker etc.
- Colour code segments of audio.
- Listen to multiple recordings in one file.
- Use with digital recorders (including Olympus DS-30 and DS-40).



Live Scribe/Pulse Smart Pen

Main Features

Record & Playback

Built in Camera, microphone and computer
Write, Draw and Hear.

Search & Save

Transfers audio to PC/laptop
Stores & organises notes

Send & Share

Converts written notes to PDF document
Convert to Audio file

Links with email, share on other networks, e.g. Facebook





HARDWARE

Digital Recorders – DS-40

Different / Ergonomic Keyboards

Different/ Ergonomic Mice

Hand Rest

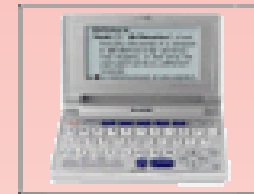
Adjustable Foot Stools

Talking Calculators

Spellcheckers

Talking Dictionary

Writing Slopes



How to Access this Service

1. Student must register with Disabilities Service
2. Student is assessed by Disability Adviser and may be referred to Technology Needs Adviser if appropriate.
3. Demonstration of software can be arranged.
4. Training will be offered once funding has been approved.
5. Technology Needs Adviser, will contact you either by letter, email/ telephone to arrange a suitable time/date.

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