# Using Assistive Technology to Research and Write a Paper

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Demonstration of different pieces of assistive technology in a practical application.

1. Audio Notetaker - $150
   1. Audio Based note taking software
   2. Displays audio and allows user to edit, take notes, sync with powerpoint, and review
   3. Works with digital recorders, audio recorded directly, or downloaded audio
   4. Available for PC and Mac
   5. <http://www.audionotetaker.com/>
2. Evernote – free for up to 2 Gigabytes storage
   1. Cross platform note taking software.
   2. Create different notebooks for different topics
   3. Typed notes, photos, and audio can be recorded directly onto notebook “pages”
   4. Notes are synced on line, and may be shared with others
   5. Available for PC, Mac, iOS, Android, Blackberry, and on-line
   6. <http://evernote.com/>
3. Adobe Reader - free
   1. Activate the Read Out Loud feature
   2. Click View, and select Enable Read Out Loud
   3. <http://get.adobe.com/uk/reader/>
4. WYNN – Wizard (with scanning) $995, Reader $395
   1. Scanning, Reading and basic word processing software
   2. Highlighting and Reading written words, may change fonts and spacing of text.
   3. <http://www.freedomscientific.com/lsg/products/wynn.asp>
5. Dragon NaturallySpeaking - $199
   1. Speech Recognition Software
   2. Used to transcribe speech to text, works with most windows based programs
   3. Excellent tool for people who have difficulty typing.
   4. <http://www.nuance.com/dragon/index.htm>
6. Microsoft Office 2010 Word with Speak Selected Text – MS Office 2010 Home and Student $120
   1. Built into Microsoft Office 2010, this feature may be added to the quick access tool bar
   2. Click the down arrow, Customize Quick Access Toolbar. Select More commands, select to choose from all commands, and scroll down to select Speak
   3. <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/word-help/using-the-speak-text-to-speech-feature-HA102066711.aspx>
7. EasyBib – online citation maker – free basic service

* Website and Chrome Add-in to cite research right from browser
* Type EasyBib, Press Tab key, then type in search to do research.
* <http://www.easybib.com/>