

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