**Apps to help with Remote Learning & homework**

This is a list of things you can do to make reading and writing easier when you are at home. Each section has a link to enable you to access it on Google, Apple, Microsoft or Android. Just click the one for the device that you use.



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**Help with reading**

1. **Reading websites that will read out loud for you**

**Google Chrome**

* **Read aloud –** When you have installed it in google chrome, you can select whatever you want to read and click on the loudspeaker icon. <https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/read-aloud-a-text-to-spee/hdhinadidafjejdhmfkjgnolgimiaplp?hl=en>
* You can turn on **‘screen reader’** in your school google account

<https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/7177379?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en&oco=1>

**iPad/iOS **

* ‘Speak selection’ or ‘speak screen’

<https://www.callscotland.org.uk/information/text-to-speech/text-to-speech-ipad/>

<https://www.callscotland.org.uk/blog/using-speak-selection-on-your-ipad/>

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**Microsoft Word**

* You can download this and add it to Word <https://www.wordtalk.org.uk/home/>
* You can use the Microsoft Windows dictation command for your whole windows computer <https://www.wikihow.com/Dictate-on-Word>
* You can use ‘Speak text to speech’ in Word or PowerPoint <https://support.office.com/en-gb/article/use-the-speak-text-to-speech-feature-to-read-text-aloud-459e7704-a76d-4fe2-ab48-189d6b83333c>

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**Android**

* Select to Speak – Android Accessibility Help <https://support.google.com/accessibility/android/answer/7349565?hl=en>
* Text-to-Speech output – Android Accessibility Help <https://support.google.com/accessibility/android/answer/6006983?hl=en>

1. **Headaches or blurry vision when you read**

**Change the background colour or add a tint to the screen**

**Google Chrome**

* **Colour overlay** from Google Chrome to reduce the contrast <https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/color-overlay/glejbiebgbadpnhcjmidgclkjeelddgk?hl=en>

**iPad/iOS **

* How to use Display Accommodations on iPhone and iPad <https://www.imore.com/how-use-display-accommodations-and-color-filters-iphone-and-ipad>

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**Microsoft Word**

* Add, change or delete the background colour in Word <https://support.office.com/en-gb/article/add-change-or-delete-the-background-color-in-word-db481e61-7af6-4063-bbcd-b276054a5515>

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**Android**

* This will depend on the type of phone <https://www.google.com/search?rlz=1C1GCEA_enGB848GB848&source=univ&tbm=isch&q=How+to+add+a+screen+overlay+to+an+android+phone&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjQqqnh_PvpAhWfUhUIHTCKD40QsAR6BAgFEAE&biw=1366&bih=667&safe=active&ssui=on>

1. **Making the writing bigger**

**Google Chrome**

* Change text, image and video sizes <https://support.google.com/chrome/answer/96810?hl=en-GB>

**iPad/iOS **

* Use the ‘zoom’ function <https://www.imore.com/how-use-zoom-accessibility-iphone-and-ipad>
* Using the iPad to support learners with visual difficulties <https://www.callscotland.org.uk/blog/using-the-ipad-to-support-learners-with-visual-difficulties/>



**Microsoft Word**

* Change the font size <https://support.office.com/en-gb/article/change-the-font-size-931e064e-f99f-4ba4-a1bf-8047a35552be>

**Android**

* Magnification – Android Accessibility Help <https://support.google.com/accessibility/android/answer/6006949?hl=en>
* Font size and display size – Android Accessibility Help <https://support.google.com/accessibility/android/answer/6006972?hl=en&ref_topic=9079043>

**Help with writing**

**Speaking what you want to write (dictation)**

**Google Chrome**

* **Google Docs** Open a new document and click on ‘tools’ and select ‘ voice typing <https://www.smore.com/91m4v-voice-typing-in-google-docs>

**iPad/iOS **

* **Speaking what you want to type (dictation)** <https://www.callscotland.org.uk/information/speech-recognition/siri/>



**Microsoft Word**

* **Dictate** is an app you can download and add to Microsoft Word <https://www.callscotland.org.uk/information/speech-recognition/dictate/>
* You can use a tool in Word to let you speak what you want to write <https://support.microsoft.com/en-gb/help/14198/windows-7-dictate-text-using-speech-recognition>

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**Android**

* Use **Google voice typing** <https://www.callscotland.org.uk/information/speech-recognition/android/>



**Help with new/tricky words and their meanings**

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* An excellent online dictionary with simple, easy to understand definitions is **Cambridge Learner’s Dictionary** <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/>
* You can search by saying the word in the Merriam Webster dictionary, so spelling isn’t important. You can use it online or download the app for Apple and Android. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/>
* Merriam Webster Visual Dictionary – This uses images to help you remember word meanings. You can use it online or download the app for Apple and Android. <http://www.visualdictionaryonline.com/index.php>