

TRIAL LOAN LAPTOP SOFTWARE LIST

THIS SELECTION OF SOFTWARE IS FOR TRAIL AND EVALUATION AND IS MADE AVAILABLE ONLY ON A SERU TRIAL LOAN LAPTOP.

Clicker 7 is a literacy support tool that enables students of all abilities to develop their reading and writing skills. Clicker supports students to learn and progress within an intuitive and scaffolded workspace personalised to their individual needs and preferences.



Clicker 7 assists emergent, developing and struggling readers and writers. Its accessibility features supports all learners including students with dyslexia, autism, physical/speech and language impairments, English as an Additional Language (EALD), cognitive challenges and low vision. The

software includes a voice notes feature, children's voices to read back text, clicker boards to mindmap ideas and the Dyslexie font. The word processor includes intelligent word prediction support and access to word banks, pictures and phrases to complete a literacy task.

<https://www.cricksoft.com/uk/clicker>



Dragon



Speech recognition software can be used as an alternative to, or in conjunction with, a keyboard to input text with greater writing fluency. The continued significant improvements in speech recognition software make this technology solution a more robust option for individuals who have difficulties with written communication.

Speech recognition software will convert what you speak into text. Very high accuracy rates are achieved in any scenario where text composition is required. The Dragon family of speech recognition software also allows you to use commands to control your computer or transcribe an audio recording into text.

<http://australia.nuance.com/dragon/index.htm>



Texthelp Read&Write is a suite of tools to support users who have difficulty with literacy or learning. The collection of reading, writing and research support tools are readily accessible from the toolbar which 'floats' above the application in use.



Read&Write supports students throughout their education and adults in the work place. Its features assist with:

- Improving reading comprehension by listening to text being read aloud
- Building vocabulary knowledge with text and picture dictionaries
- Constructing sentences and develop writing skills with word prediction
- Proof reading to correct spelling errors and word usage
- Study skill development to more effectively research assignments
- Digitizing print material using the Optical Character Recognition capabilities (Word, PDF or ePub).
- Converting text into audio format

upper primary, secondary



<https://www.texthelp.com/en-au/>

ClaroRead Pro is a suite of tools to support users who have difficulty with literacy or learning. The collection of reading, writing and research support tools are readily accessible from the toolbar which ‘floats’ above the application in use.



Key features include:

- Read digital text with speech and highlighting
- OCR technology to convert printed documents and image files into a range of formats for reading and annotation
- Phonetic word prediction and Phonetic spellchecker with auditory feedback
- Support for homophones and easily-confused words
- Speaking dictionary
- Convert text into an audio or video file

<https://www.clarosoftware.com/claroread>



WordQ 4 is a word prediction program which floats within any writing application. It offers a list of suggested words to choose from. It suggests words based upon frequency and context. A user can also draw upon words from imported topic lists. Speech feedback is offered to assist in reading the words.



SpeakQ is a speech recognition interface that plugs into the built in Windows speech recognition engine. The interface is integrated with WordQ. This gives writers the benefit of utilizing the combination of **word prediction, speech output and speech input** to generate text when struggling with spelling and word forms, identifying errors, proofreading and editing. The simplicity of the program benefits users who may find it difficult to use other speech recognition products. SpeakQ does not have verbal commands

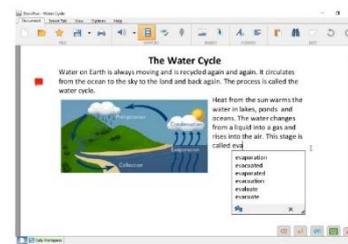
<http://www.gogsoftware.com/wordQspeakQ.php>

DocsPlus is a supportive writing tool that enables learners of all abilities more effectively produce written tasks. The software is aimed for upper primary and secondary students. It's scaffolded features include text to speech support, word prediction, voice notes, planning tool and vocabulary support in the form of wordbars. It also has an integrated reading supports for PDF and Word document.

The high quality text to speech feature reads back constructed text enabling greater independence for proofreading. The word prediction feature suggests contextually appropriate words with the ability to suggest topic specific words drawn from the wordbars. Wordbars are collated vocabulary lists and phrases. Vocabulary can be grouped in to categories designed to support writers independently complete their writing tasks. Phrases can be collated to create writing frames in various text types. The Workspace and Voicenote s features supports learners during the drafting or summarizing stages by visually organizing their ideas into mind maps and embedding content in audio format. This makes DocsPlus the appropriate tool of choice to assist developing and struggling writers in undertaking complex writing tasks.

It's accessibility features support students with additional needs including dyslexia, low vision and physical disabilities. It is a universal tool designed to support all learners including switch and Eye Gaze users.

<https://www.cricksoft.com/uk/docsplus>





Audio Notetaker is a universal design tool to assist with managing the capture and organisation of spoken information. Spoken information is a transient modality making it very difficult to process, retain and recall. The software generates and displays a visual representation of the audio. This makes reviewing and notetaking a more tangible process.

Originally designed to support the notetaking process, the workspace can include images, documents and text that aligns with the audio information. Students can summarise and extract any type of information from the software workspace to create study guides or assignments in audio, video or text format.

With Audio Notetaker, reluctant writers can record their ideas verbally, reducing the cognitive burden required for written expression. Students can transcribe the recording to create the writing task.



<https://www.sonocent.com/en-us/audio-notetaker>

Communicate: SymWriter 2 is a symbol-supported word processor. Writers use the Widgit Symbols to see the meaning of words as they type, supporting access to new or challenging vocabulary.

For teachers

Communicate: SymWriter is a symbol writing program. Symbols appear above the words as you type and 'smart symbolising' analyses the text to help select the correct symbols.



Teachers can drop in photos and images to illustrate the vocabulary within curriculum materials. This makes content more easily understood by learners.

For beginner writers

When typing in text mode, students see the meaning of the words in the symbol chooser. Symbols give the writer visual assistance, reinforcing meaning and improving confidence. SymWriter features text-to-speech and a spell checker with symbol support.

For students writing with grids

SymWriter 2's interactive environments use on-screen grids to make writing accessible to users that require additional support. Symwriter grids can contain words or phrases with illustrations. Students can select items from the grids using a mouse, keyboard, touch screen or switches.

<https://www.widgit.com/products/symwriter/index.htm#overview>

Reading Sounds™ 1 Pro uses a unique, highly effective, patented system to teach children to associate letters and letter patterns with the sounds they make. It also teaches blending, segmentation, sight word recognition and other key skills found through research to be crucial in the development of reading and spelling ability. The program automatically adjusts learning support for each student.



Reading Sounds™ 1 Pro is designed for parents, teachers and literacy specialists, in teaching children how to read and write. It is targetted for children aged between **4 and 8 years old**, but it is also suitable for older children who are experiencing reading difficulties.

For more information contact the Inclusive Technology Service (SERU)