

Resources to access read aloud

Canvas pages- via web:

Immersive Reader is a link in the top right corner of each “page” in Canvas. Choose the link and the “page” will open up in a new web page. Overview- Immersive Reader within Canvas

<https://educationblog.microsoft.com/en-us/2019/10/immersive-reader-comes-to-canvas-to-make-learning-more-accessible/>

Options:

- Voice setting options include speed and male or female voice. Located bottom center of the page.
- Text preferences include text size, contrast, spacing, font style
- Reading preferences include option to translate to other languages word by word or by the document and line focus that limits text visible on the page

APS online textbooks:

At this time, most APS textbooks recently adopted an audio component. Some are audio only, others have audio paired with text highlighting.

On a webpage- including Google Docs:

- On the iPad: use Read & Write app to access read aloud on webpages on an iPad. Read & Write app is available download within the APS App catalog. Directions to set up Read & Write on iPad with student My Access log in.
<https://www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/ReadWrite-iPad-install.pdf>
TextHelp Read & Write for iPad Quick Guide:
https://www.texthelp.com/Uploads/MediaLibrary/texthelp/US-Training-Documents/Read-Write-for-iPad-Quick-Reference-Guide-02_2020.pdf
Read & Write for iPad User Guide:
<https://www.texthelp.com/Uploads/MediaLibrary/texthelp/US-Training-Documents/Read-Write-for-iPad-User-Guide-April-2019.pdf>
- On a Macbook or PC within Google Chrome Browser: Students have access to Read & Write for Chrome. This is a chrome extension. Directions to install this extension using student My Access log in.
<https://www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/How-to-Install-the-Read-and-Write-Extension-in-Google-Chrome-d2.pdf>
Read & Write for Chrome Quick Reference Guide:
https://www.texthelp.com/Uploads/MediaLibrary/texthelp/US-Training-Documents/Read-Write-for-Google-Chrome-in-G-Suite-Quick-Reference-Guide-02_2020.pdf

If read aloud does not work on Webpage, then Read & Write for Chrome has a screenshot reader which will capture an image of the part of the page selected and read aloud the selected content. See above for Read & Write for Chrome information. This might occur with content that is uploaded to Canvas that is not in “Page” format. This will not work only on a laptop computer; it will not work on a tablet computer.

Built In Read Aloud. Both iPads and Macbooks have read aloud built into their accessibility features.

- iPad: Touch text you want read aloud. Select text. Choose “speak” option.
<https://support.apple.com/guide/ipad/spoken-content-ipad9a247097/ipados>
- Macbook: Apple (top left corner)> System Preferences> Accessibility> Speech> choose “speak selected text when key is pressed” To hear read aloud: Option-Esc
<https://support.apple.com/guide/mac-help/have-your-mac-speak-text-thats-on-the-screen-mh27448/mac>

APS Library Resources:

- Databases: most of the databases provided by the APS Library include audio along with text. Some pair the audio with text highlighting. Pebble Go and Pebble Go Next are two databases that are appropriate for elementary age students, students who are access an alternate curriculum or students who require significant differentiation.
- Ebooks:many ebooks within Macinvia have audio paired with text highlighting.

Please contact librarian at your child’s school or school’s website- for additional information about accessing APS ebooks and databases.

AIM-VA: For eligible students with an IEP who have a print disability, AIM-VA has accessible instructional materials available in format that matches student need. (<https://aimva.org/>)This includes Braille, audio and digital. Students who are set up with this have a log in created for AIM-VA. Teachers can “order” resources and provide them to students in the appropriate format. Please contact student’s case carrier for log in information.

- AIM-VA is also the way students with IEP and print disability have access to Learning Ally. Please contact student’s case carrier for Learning Ally log in. Learning Ally link is an approved app available in APS app catalog and for push out download to students who use Macbooks.

Please connect with your child’s case carrier or teacher for support or with questions.

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