

## Programmes and Apps to Help During Home Learning

Working on a computer for a long time can be a difficult thing to adapt to, especially when you are used to learning in a different way. These are some helpful programmes, features and websites that you can use to help with the transition.

Remember to check with your parent or guardian before downloading any new software to your device.

### Flux:

<https://justgetflux.com/>



Flux is a free application that you can get on Windows, Apple devices, and on Android devices. Flux makes the colour of your computer's display change according to the time of day that you are using your computer. It removes the blue light that your computer, tablet or phone uses in the screen, reducing headaches and strain on your eyes whilst also helping you to get to sleep easily when you have stopped working.

### OpenDyslexic:

<https://www.opendyslexic.org/>

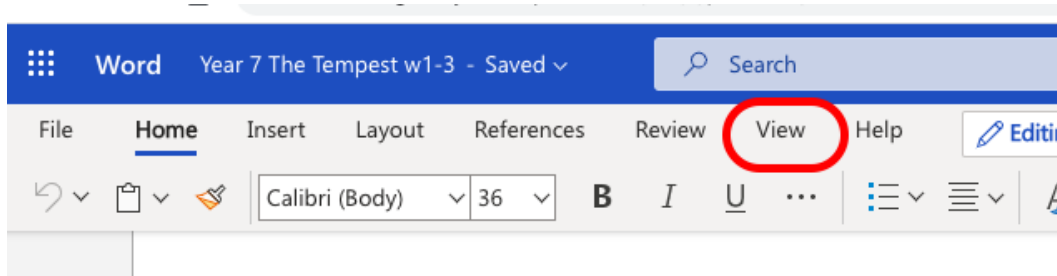
This Is an  
example of  
the Open Dyslexic  
Typeface

OpenDyslexic is a free font that you can download on Windows, Apple devices, and on Android devices. It increases readability for readers with dyslexia as the letters have a unique shape with a bold bottom. You can quickly figure out which part of the letter is down, helping you to recognise the correct letter and helping to keep your brain from rotating them around.

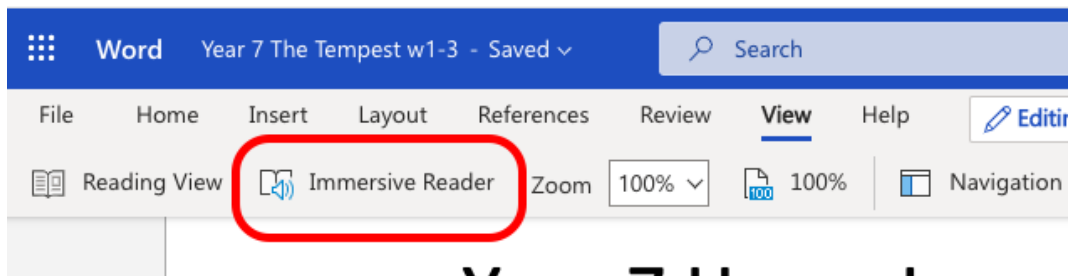
## Immersive Reader view on Microsoft Word

If your teachers are giving you work using Microsoft Word, you can use the Immersive Reader to help you to follow the work with fewer distractions. Follow the steps below to access this on the web-browser version of Microsoft word:

1. Click on "View" on the tool bar.



2. Click on Immersive Reader.



3. You can scroll through the work on the document. You can also click on words to have them read out by the voice over

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You can edit your preferences by selecting the "Text Preferences" button in the top right hand corner. This allows you to change the font, background colour and the size of the font.

You can select "Grammar Options" to turn on syllable breaks and labels for word classes (e.g. adjective).



You can select "Reading Preferences" and change how many lines of text show up when you are reading so that you can focus on one part of the text.

Clicking on the arrow will expand your window to full screen so that you can focus even further.



### **Natural Readers:**

<https://www.naturalreaders.com/online/>



Natural Readers is a professional text to speech programme that changes any written text into spoken words. It also highlights the words as it reads. You simply need to upload the document or PowerPoint, or alternatively copy and paste the text into the box and click "Play" in the top left hand corner. You can also change the voice to one which best suits you.

### **Colorveil**

<https://www.aurelitec.com/colorveil/windows/>

Colorveil is available on Windows devices and is useful if you find using an overlay effective. The application adds a customisable colour filter over your desktop, internet browser, document or program. You can easily turn it off too.

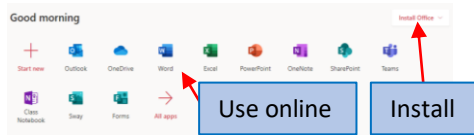


# I want my device to read documents to me out loud.

Sometimes hearing what you have to do or listening to your work read back to you is really helpful. Here are some ways to make your devices read text to you.

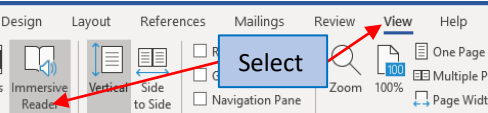
## I have access to a computer with internet.

Go to office.com and sign in using your school username and password.

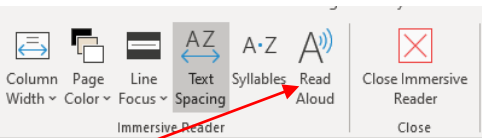


When you see this screen you can either install the apps or use through the internet.

If you click this button the start speaking your speech will turn into text on the screen. You may need to give it a few seconds to catch up with you



In the [view] menu, click on [immersive reader]

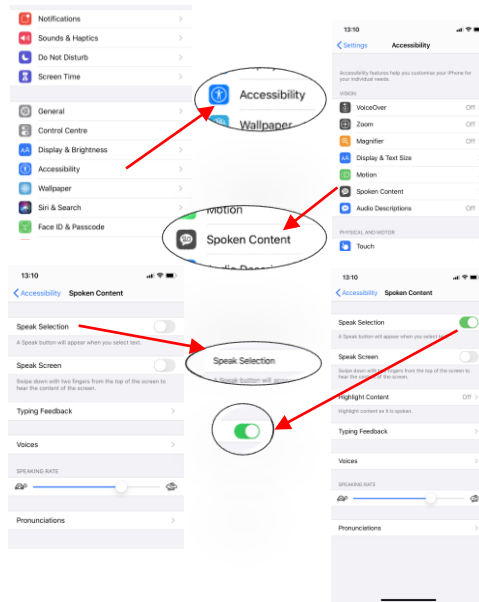


[Read Aloud] will read the text for you.

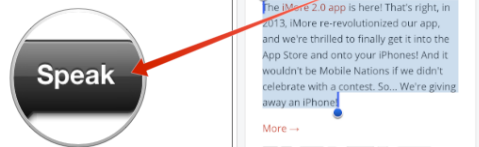
You can edit the other options to make the text easier to read.

## I have access to an iPhone or iPad and I want to use built in settings.

You can change the settings on your device to allow you to select text and read it aloud. In [Settings] select [General] then [Accessibility] the turn on the [Speak Selection] toggle.



Now just select text and click [speak] and Siri will read to you.



## I have access to an Android tablet or Smartphone and I want to use built in settings.

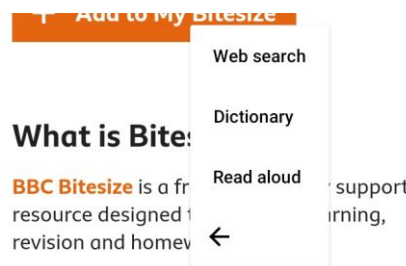
Open your device's Settings app .



Depending on your device select [Accessibility] or [Language input], then [Text-to-speech output].

You can adjust options and choose whether you want Google or your device to do the reading.

Now you can select text and in the extra options select read aloud.

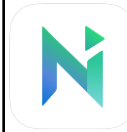


Bitesize provides support for learners aged 5 to 16+ across a wide range of school subjects. It also supports children and young people's wellbeing and career choices. From April 20th Bitesize will be publishing daily lessons to help students across the UK with home schooling.

Bitesize guides are written by teachers and

## I have access to a Smartphone or Tablet with internet access.

### Apple App Store



Download NaturalReader  
You can add files to read and you can change the speed that it reads to you

### Android Play Store



@Voice Aloud Reader  
You can open files or copy and paste text to read.

### iPad or Android Tablets

Download the Word App and sign in with your school email address.



Select [View] and then toggle [Immersive Reader]  
You can read text aloud and change lots of option

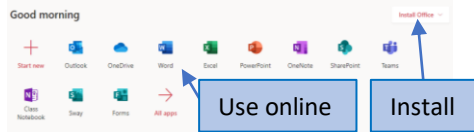
All the Microsoft Office Apps are included with your school login so they do not need purchasing. Natural Reader and @Voice Aloud Reader are free but do contain adverts and in-app purchases so check with an adult that it is ok to use them.

# I want my device to type what I say.


If you aren't fast at typing or you need to read and type at the same time it can help to just say what you want and let your device type it for you. This can help if it takes you a long time to write things down or you find it easier to say what you mean. Give it a try and see if it helps.

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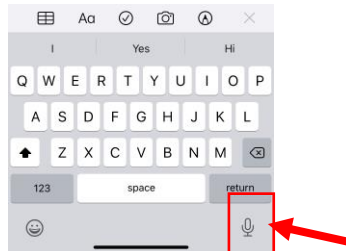
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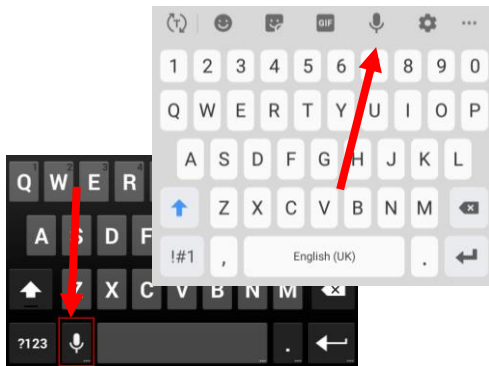
## I have access to a smartphone or tablet but I don't have access to the internet.

Select somewhere you want to type and select the dictation button. When you talk the words should appear in the screen.


### iPad/iPhone Dictation




### Android Dictation



## I have access to a tablet with the internet.

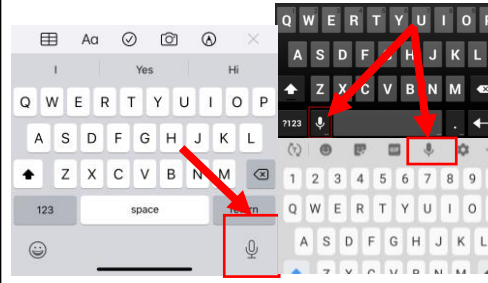
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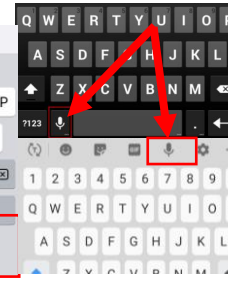
Open your document in the Microsoft Word App and click where you want to type then select this button and speak.

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### iPad/iPhone




### Android



## I have access to a smartphone and internet.

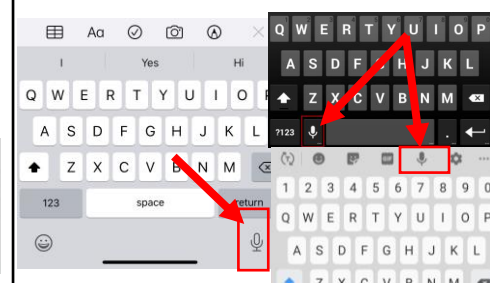
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