

Model literacy learning tools

Introducing students to free or inexpensive tools that remove barriers and provide support for literacy learning.

- **Text-to-speech (TTS)** software converts text from a website or digital document into speech by reading written information aloud. The text is often highlighted with word tracking. Explore [TTS on Mac operating systems](#), [Natural Reader](#), [Read and Write for Google Docs](#)
- **Word prediction software** predicts a required word, as a student writes, producing a list of words. Explore [LetMeType](#)
- **Voice-recognition software** offers students an alternative way of getting their thoughts down on paper.
- **Clutter free web pages**. Explore [Mercury Reader](#) or use the Reader function on Mac operating systems.
- **Spell and contextual grammar checkers**. Explore [Ginger for Chrome](#).
- **Closed Captions** (subtitles). Turn them on when sharing videos with students.
- **Graphic organiser software (free)** with outlining and drafting capabilities can be used to support writers in a number of ways.
- Digital storytelling tools are available on Powerpoint and Google Sites. Movie making tools are also available.

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