

Immersive Reader

Introduction

When editing writing, students may find it challenging to read back their own work. Within Word, there is the Immersive Reader which eliminates a lot of the visual distraction. Once in Immersive Reader, a user can control the column width, page colour, line and word spacing. Immersive Reader also has a 'Read Aloud' feature so students can listen to their writing to help make editing decisions. Immersive Reader is available within the desktop version of Word and Word online.

Learning Objectives

Completing this tutorial will give you experience:

- Changing the reading supports available in Immersive Reader: column width, page colour, line focus, word spacing.
- Using the read aloud feature.

This tutorial assumes that:

- You have access to Microsoft Word.
- You have access to a headset so a student can listen to online text without disturbing others.

Steps to Follow

Step	Instruction	Visual Depiction
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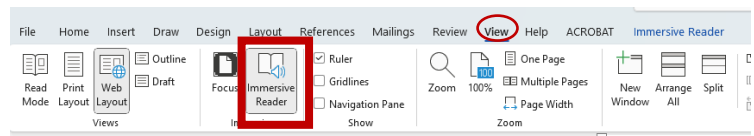
1	Immersive Reader is a text-to-speech tool.	
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It may be helpful for a student to wear a headset in class so when their writing is read back aloud, it doesn't disturb others.

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Within Word, there is the Immersive Reader which provides many supports for reading.

When in Word, Click on View, then Immersive Reader.



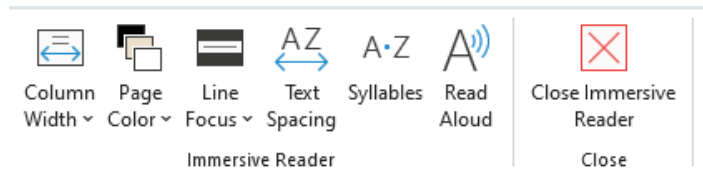
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2 Column width can be adjusted. Some students benefit from a wider margin.

Page colour – Students may find certain colours more calming, or better for vision.

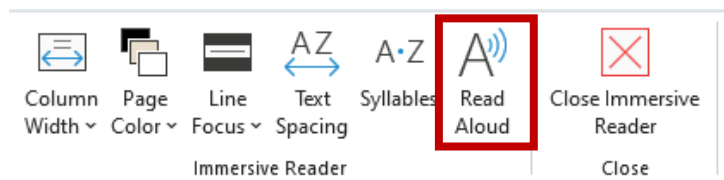
Line focus – Masking text can help students focus. The depth of line focus can be adjusted.

Text spacing – Some students benefit from less dense text. There is also the option to have words broken up into syllables.



3 To have text read aloud, click 'Read Aloud'. It will begin reading aloud from the cursor.

Clicking on the settings in the floating play bar allows you to control the speed and voice of the read aloud.



4 In the online version of Word, these tools are located differently, but the functionality remains the same.