

Read & Write for Chrome – Text Summarizer

Introduction

Text summarization is the ability to truncate a reading passage into a simpler form. There are many tools that achieve this but the outcome is often different depending on the algorithms that are employed by the tool. Some tools reduce the quantity of sentences while others make the passage smaller and easier to read while maintaining the context.

Learning Objectives

Completion of this tutorial will give you experience with the following:

- Distill a web page using Read & Write for Chrome
- Decrease or Increase the length of the passage depending on the ability of the reader

This tutorial assumes:

- that you are using the Google Chrome browser on a Windows, Mac or Chromebook computer and NOT a tablet.
- that you have installed the Read & Write extension for Google Chrome. For a tutorial on installing Read & Write click [here](#).
- that you have access to the premium features. Click [here](#) to find out how.
- that you are connected to the internet.

Case Study

Abigail has a learning disability that makes it difficult for her to comprehend text at her grade level. Her teacher would still like her to participate in the regular curriculum and is looking for a tool that would allow her to access the same material but at a simpler reading level.

Summarizing Text using Read & Write for Chrome

<p>1</p>	<p>Navigate to the web page to be simplified using the Google Chrome web browser.</p> <p>Ensure that the Read & Write Chrome extension is running. If the extension is active, a purple icon will appear in the top right hand corner of the Chrome window (1).</p> <p>Click on the icon to activate the Read & Write toolbar (2).</p>	
<p>2</p>	<p>Activate the simplify page tool by clicking on the icon in the tool bar (1).</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Reduce the complexity of the text by clicking on the '-' symbol in the top left hand corner (1) and increase the complexity by clicking on the '+' symbol (2).</p>	