

Read & Write for Chrome – Text to Speech

Introduction

Text to speech or speech synthesis converts written text into a computerized voice. This may be a useful tool for students who may have excellent comprehension but whose reading abilities are lacking.

Learning Objectives

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

- Have text read out loud on a web page using Read & Write for Chrome


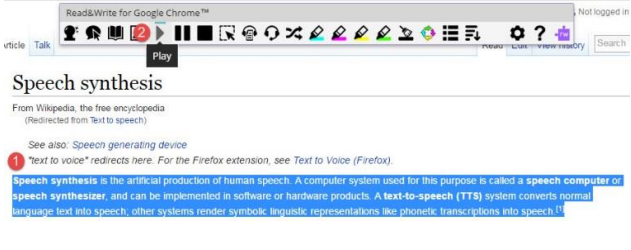
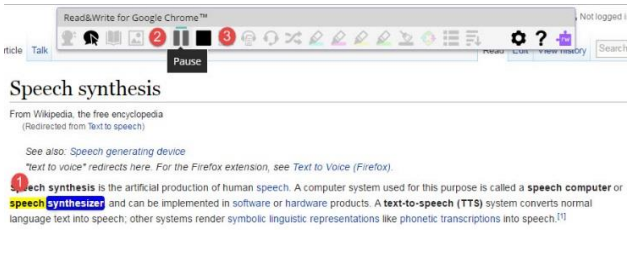

This tutorial assumes:

- 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 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

Francine is a student who has poor reading abilities but whose comprehension skills are high. She is able to understand information if it is read out loud to her. Using Read & Write for Chrome, Francine is able to have any document and/or web page read aloud. She is able to follow along if she wants using the dual coloured highlighting.

Text to Speech using Read & Write for Chrome

<p>1</p>	<p>Navigate to a web page 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>Highlight the text to be read (1).</p> <p>Click on the read icon (2).</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>The text will be highlighted (1) with the passage in yellow and the word that is currently being read in blue.</p> <p>Click the pause button (2) to pause reading and click the stop button (3) to stop reading.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>A secondary mode of reading can be accessed through the Hover Speech tool located on the tool bar (1).</p> <p>When the feature is activated, there will be a blue line underneath the tool. Simply hover the mouse cursor to a body of text and Read & Write will convert it into speech. The text will be highlighted with the passage in yellow (2) and the word that is currently being read in blue (3).</p>	

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The speech synthesizer can be configured by clicking the settings (1) on the tool bar. Once open, ensure that the speech tab is selected (2). There are a variety of voices that can be used (3), speed settings (4) and the synthesizer can be configured to read continuously (5).

