

Kurzweil 3000 (Win) v.20 Study Skills: Renaming the Highlighters

Introduction

Kurzweil 3000 is reading and writing software that has many features designed to support students who are struggling with reading comprehension and written output. The program can be used as a word processor or it can be used to scan documents, like textbooks or worksheets, which can then be read aloud or completed within the program. Students who have difficulty reading and understanding textual material can be supported with several program features. In this tutorial, you will learn about the various features and tools students can use to learn and develop their reading comprehension and study skills.

Learning Objectives

Completing this tutorial will give you experience:

- Using the Highlight and Note tools under the Tools menu
- Adjusting the Highlight and Note options

This tutorial assumes that

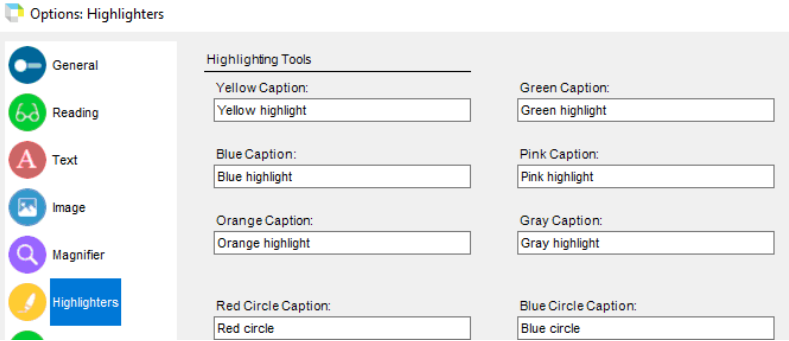
- Kurzweil 3000 version 20 for Windows is installed on your computer. If you do not have the program already installed, please refer to the installation and registration instructions that came with your software.
- Your computer system supports audio output either through speakers or a headset.

Case Study

Rebecca is a Grade 8 student who has language processing issues. She has difficulty focusing on textual material and cannot identify or remember the main ideas that are presented in content areas. She frequently re-reads paragraphs over and over but still cannot recall information for written assignments or tests. She uses Kurzweil 3000's highlighting and extraction feature to identify main and supporting ideas and to create study notes and outlines for written assignments.

Bryce has very few reading comprehension strategies – he is not reading at grade level and needs constant support to understand content material. His team prepares his curricular content by scanning books and textbooks and then adding notes or annotations to help guide him when reading the text. They also put comprehension questions right into the text which Bryce answers and then extracts. These questions and answers are then printed and submitted for assessment.

Renaming the Highlighters

Step	Instruction	Visual Depiction
1	<p>To give the highlighters specific names that reflect their function, go to:</p> <p>Tools -> Options Highlighters</p> <p>Here you can type new names for the highlighters that will appear when the student rolls his or her mouse over the tool in the toolbar. Click Apply to save changes and OK to exit.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the 'Options: Highlighters' dialog box. On the left is a sidebar with icons for 'General', 'Reading', 'Text', 'Image', 'Magnifier', and 'Highlighters' (which is selected). The main area is titled 'Highlighting Tools' and contains two columns of text input fields. The first column lists: 'Yellow Caption: Yellow highlight', 'Blue Caption: Blue highlight', 'Orange Caption: Orange highlight', and 'Red Circle Caption: Red circle'. The second column lists: 'Green Caption: Green highlight', 'Pink Caption: Pink highlight', 'Gray Caption: Gray highlight', and 'Blue Circle Caption: Blue circle'.</p>