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Read&Write for Google Chrome – Simplify Page

Introduction

Simplify Page is a tool that is available as part of Read&Write for Google Chrome. It offers the user the ability to reduce the complexity of a reading passage. 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, or increasing contrast for those who need visual support, 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
- Change the contrast color

This tutorial assumes:

- Access to Google Chrome browser on a Windows, Mac or Chromebook computer and NOT a tablet.
- Read&Write extension for Google Chrome is installed.
- Access to the premium features. Click here to find out how.
- Access 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. She uses the Simplify Page tool to access the same text as her classmates, and adjusts it to support her level.
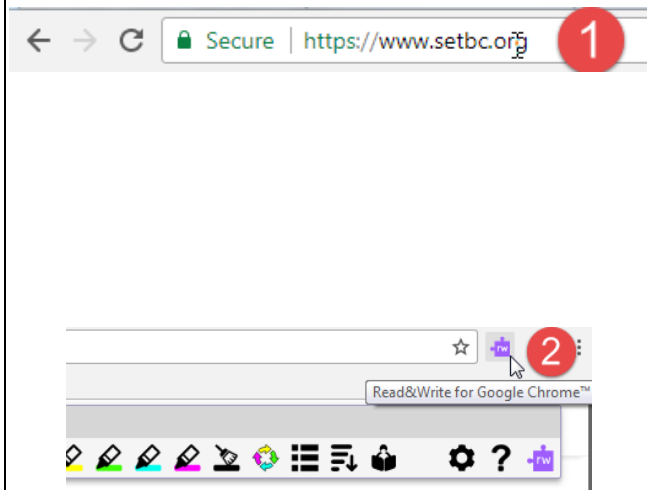
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Web Search using Read&Write for Google Chrome

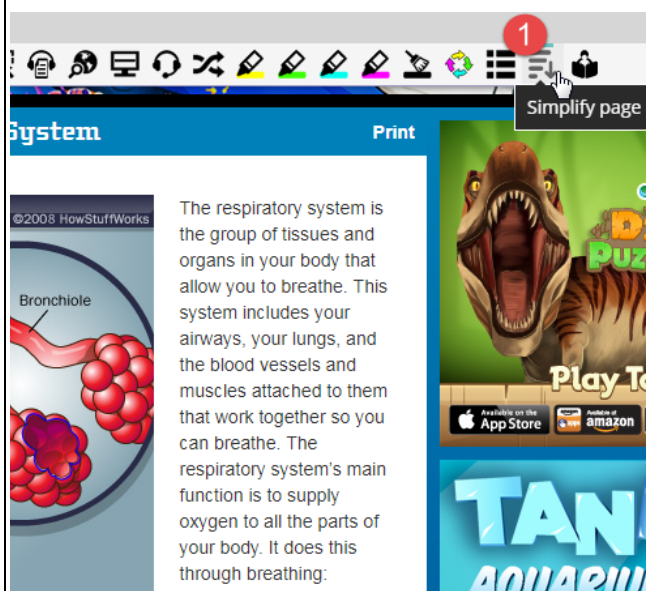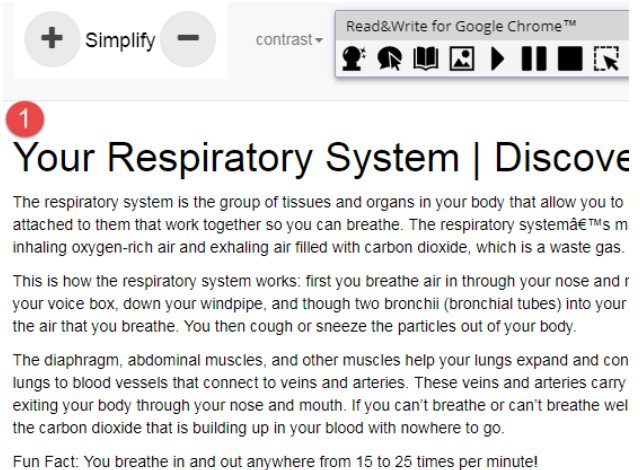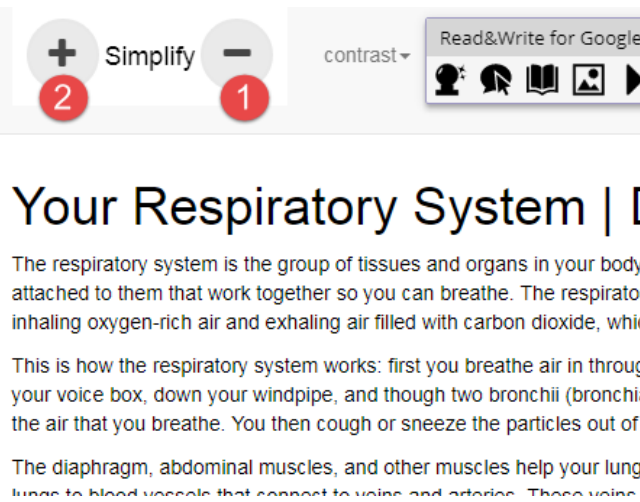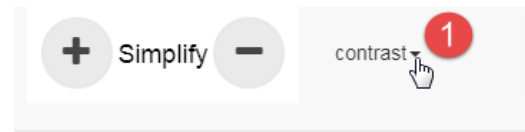|		
1	**Open** a web page in your Chrome Browser. (1) **Ensure** that the Read&Write Chrome extension is running by locating the purple R&W icon will appear in the top right hand corner. **Click** on the icon (2) to activate the Read&Write toolbar.	
2	**Click** the *Simplify Page* tool icon in the tool bar (1).	

3	A new tab **will open** that will contain your web page without distracting visuals, and only with the main text (1).	
4	Reduce the complexity of the text by **clicking** on the " - "symbol in the top left hand corner (1). Increase the complexity by **clicking** on the " + " symbol (2).	

5	Click on the *contrast* drop-down menu (1). Click on any of the contrast options to adjust the background color and text color (2).	