

Read&Write 8.1 GOLD



Read&Write 8.1 GOLD is a literacy support tool designed to assist Users of all ages who require extra assistance when reading or composing text.

Read&Write 8.1 GOLD offers support functionality frequently absent in mainstream MS Windows applications. In addition, it provides a host of study features to assist any User with research and composition.

The software works discreetly with all mainstream Windows applications. This offers Users with literacy difficulties the opportunity to work in an inclusive manner alongside their peers and colleagues.



Read&Write 8.1 GOLD is a simple to use toolbar that "floats" on top of any open textHELP. Read & Write Gold is the premier reading and writing tool for struggling students. Parents and teachers alike use this program to help students succeed in the classroom. With Read & Write Gold, students and educators can mark main ideas, extract outlines, create voice notes and add annotations. Convenient reference tools have been integrated such as dictionary, synonyms, syllables, audible spell checking, along with word prediction, to facilitate both reading and writing improvement and assistance.

TextHELP Read & Write Gold also features text to speech and scanning capabilities. Printed Documents and text can be scanned in or opened from anywhere on the computer then saved and opened in textHELP proprietary format to utilize the powerful reading, writing, and learning tools.

The text to speech will read each word, sentence, paragraph or selected text. There is a choice of different voices which can be adjusted to suit you by altering the pitch, speed, and volume and the option to have an animated character to accompany you. By hearing your work read you will be able to identify mistakes in punctuation, spelling and meaning. Having documents read to you will increase your understanding and word recognition.

Latest features

Read & Write 8 continues the tradition of innovative assistive technology software from Texthelp for those with literacy needs. New features include:

- * New RealSpeak solo voice
- * New Abby Finereader Scanning
- * New Speech Input
- * Improved Dictionary and Word Prediction
- * Read & Write (v8) GOLD will also read PDF documents!
- * Fact Mapper
- * To help organise facts visually on screen
- * Improved Speech Maker With SAPI 5 Voices
- * Updated PDF Aloud With Hover-Highlighting
- * Multiple Options For Toolbar Positioning
- * Expanded Prediction Database
- * Redesigned Daisy Reader Application
- * Pronunciation Tutor With SAPI 5 Voices
- * New User-Friendly Fact Folder
- * Study Skills Toolbar
- * Extended Teacher's Toolkit
- * Improved Installer
- * Activity Specific Toolbars
- * New Look Toolbar Icons

Highlights

Speech - Read & Write GOLD color highlights and reads the words, sentences or paragraphs in your document providing audio-visual reinforcement and helping to develop recognition of new words and vocabulary. Speech is also an integral part of the other support features, for example, you can have the Word Prediction suggestions read to you. The RealSpeak voice is now provided as standard and provides the most human-sounding voice available today.

Spelling - Read & Write GOLD incorporates a fast advanced spellchecker specifically designed to solve the most complex of phonetic errors. The spellchecker can be customized to suit individual needs and provides audible definitions of alternative suggestions to help you choose the correct one.

Homophone Support - Read&Write GOLD has an improved homophone database with the option to select from basic or advanced homophone suggestions, further enhancing the suggestions relevance to the User.

Scanning - With Read&Write GOLD it is possible to scan ANY text document or saved image into MS Word, HTML, MS Excel or PDF format. Once scanned the text may be read aloud or edited in any one of 5 display/audible methods ensuring the User has the perfect listening and learning experience.

Word Prediction - The Read&Write GOLD Word Predictor learns the Users style of writing and predicts the word they want to use next. It also incorporates a prediction database based on a 100 million-word corpus.

Dictionary - 180,000 words are provided with alternative suggestions in the Read&Write GOLD dictionary, thus developing the User's creative writing skills. Each word in the dictionary has a description and sample sentence, all of which can be spoken.

Speech Maker - With Read&Write GOLD Users can convert text to MP3, WMA or WAV files and listen to text on the move with portable personal devices.

Fact Folder - The Fact Folder in Read&Write GOLD has been completely redeveloped from previous versions and now provides an unparalleled study or research tool for organizing thoughts and ideas.

Fact Finder The Read&Write GOLD Fact Finder is a web search tool that performs a search on a selected word through a default search engine. Read&Write GOLD now has the option for the User to add their own choice of websites to search through, making the Fact Finder an even simpler way of gathering information on a given subject.

Simple and Scientific Calculator The calculator provides Users with the most common functions associated with a Simple or Scientific Calculator and also provides an audit trail so that each User can see their calculations as they go.

Word Wizard - Word wizard assists in developing creative sentences by offering solutions for vocabulary. When you are searching for the word you want to use Word Wizard takes you through a simple step by step process till you find the word you are looking for.

Pronunciation Tutor - The Pronunciation Tutor will break words into syllables allowing easy recognition and pronunciation. Includes a moving mouth, to aid the development of more accurate speech.

Teachers Toolkit - enables educators to specify which Read & Write GOLD features a particular student has access to and see student spelling logs and activity logs.

Daisy Reader - Read&Write GOLD contains Daisy Reading technology and allows Users to read their Daisy Books while working within the Read&Write program. An added feature incorporated in the Daisy Reader is a dual color highlighting option. Dual color highlighting allows Users with disabilities such as dyslexia to enjoy their reading experience in a format and style they are comfortable with.

Web Highlighting - The Web highlighting feature of Read&Write 8 GOLD allows the user to experience dual color highlighting with audible feedback in HTML documents. This is of particular use for users with literacy difficulties when accessing information online and also aids the users concentration and comprehension. This feature can be used as part of workplace accommodations initiatives.

Clipboard History - The Clipboard History feature of Read&Write 8 GOLD allows the storage of any item viewed in the clipboard for use at a later time. The clipboard stores the last ten pieces of information accessed in a visible list for easy retrieval.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

The following are the minimum requirements needed to operate Read & Write:

Pentium 600 Processor
Windows 2000 w/SP4 or XP with SP2
Internet Explorer 5.5 or later
Sound Card and Speakers
CD ROM drive
256 MB RAM
600 MB Free Disk Space

Scanners which have been tested with Read & Write Gold:

Canoscan Lide 50
Canoscan Lide 30
Epson Perfection 1670
Epson 1250
HP Scanjet
HP 3570c
(USB is recommended for speed)