

Product Overview



ClaroRead Plus is highly effective multi-sensory software solution for supporting students who struggle with reading, writing and learning. Designed with maximum simplicity, adaptability and flexibility, students of any age and level of ability will have a world of information unlocked through ClaroRead Plus.

ClaroRead Plus provides the tools to give students independence, reducing their reliance on teachers and parents and giving them the opportunity to achieve the same standards as everyone else.

ClaroRead Plus is easy-to-use and provides the perfect integrated tool for use with Microsoft Office 2003 and 2007. The range of additional voices in over 20 languages is also helpful for those learning a second language.



Testimonials

"ClaroRead has given Olivia independence and means she is just like all the other girls. She no longer relies on me and can do everything herself. The progress she has made is wonderful - and she can use ClaroRead all the way through school and university."

Lesley Fraser, mum to severely dyslexic ClaroRead user and aspiring History of Art student Olivia.



Since ClaroRead is closely integrated with Microsoft Word and Internet Explorer, practically any text can be spoken aloud by this powerful software. And with ClaroRead PLUS, you can also scan any paper document and have it spoken back with complete clarity.

Students with viewing difficulties benefit from the addition of visual tools that colour, highlight and focus on difficult to read text as it is spoken by the computer. Words can also be spoken back as they are typed, ensuring the accuracy of written papers, tests, and study notes.

ClaroRead can be customised to individual needs and abilities, by students or tutors.

ClaroRead is available in single user and school, college and university licenses, meaning software is available to an unlimited number of users for a set price. To discuss tailoring a licence for your educational establishment, contact a local reseller, a full list is available on the web site.

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ClaroRead™ Plus 2007



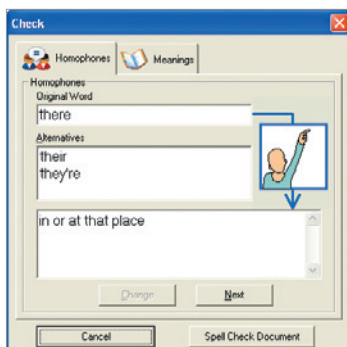
Speak any text

ClaroRead speaks back text as it is typed, allowing a student to check and proof-read their work quickly and easily. Text can be spoken at any point by highlighting individual sections of text and pressing Play - great for proofreading. A choice of male and female human-sounding voices give clarity and dispense with the robotic quality of most computer voices. Close integration with Microsoft Word and Internet Explorer means you can click and play at any point in a document. Spoken words can be tracked using a custom colour selection. Any accessible text under the mouse can be spoken if needed.



Simplification of Microsoft Word

ClaroRead provides a single tool bar for use in Microsoft Word that combines a homophone and tricky word dictionary, font and spacing commands, a thesaurus, spell checker button and a save to audio function. All have clear graphic icons for ease of recognition. Students can find the correct word with the right spelling. With just one single click, checking individual words for spelling, meaning and alternatives can be carried out.



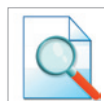
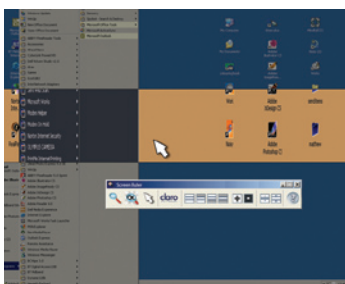
Vocabulary support

ClaroRead contains a word predictor that learns as you type and can be tailored to specific topics. With ClaroRead you can build multiple prediction dictionaries for different subject areas. The base prediction dictionary consists of the most frequently used words in the English language. A single Check Button allows any word to be checked for spelling, meaning, alternatives and dictionary definitions.



Improving word selection

Students can always be sure of picking the best word when supported by ClaroRead. Homophones (words that sound alike despite differences in meaning) are automatically underlined and highlighted. Alternative words plus their dictionary definitions and over a 1,000 different symbols representing their meaning are provided in order to aid choice. From the Settings Editor, add your own "confusable or tricky words" to the list and ClaroRead will then highlight these words when 'Show Homophones' is selected



Reading and colour support tools

Reading is made easier with Claro Software's combined reading and overlay horizontal bar, ScreenRuler. This unique tool highlights and enlarges both the letters and background of each line of text. ClaroView complements the highlighting of text by allowing the screen to be viewed in any colour or shade - a colour overlay for the PC. Each student can have a tailored approach according to his or her need. Both ClaroView and ScreenRuler work with any software.

Features and Benefits



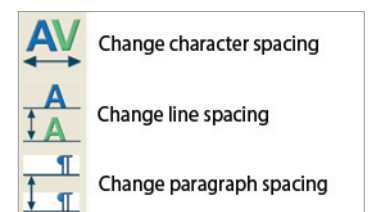
Converts paper and PDF to text in Word

Powerful optical character recognition (OCR) technology means that any paper document or PDF file becomes accessible. Through the integration of Omnipage 15 OCR engine, textbooks, photocopies and handouts are easily converted into Word documents. The text can then be spoken out by ClaroRead or edited. PDF files can also be unlocked and edited, opening a wealth of material for accessibility to every student, regardless of the format.



Layout assistance

Text character, line and paragraph spacing using Microsoft Word menus requires some detailed knowledge, and can be difficult to access and setup. ClaroRead's integration with Word and Internet Explorer simplifies things by providing an easy to navigate floating tool bar. This allows you to make one-click changes to both spacing and font with the minimum of keyboard and mouse use. ClaroRead allows you to modify the font type to one of three of the most popular user set choices. Change the colour of the Word document text or windows background colour. Increase or decrease the font size. Expand the character or line spacing with ease making documents easier to read in Word and Internet Explorer.



Learning in any environment

Students and teachers can convert text to audio files. Any text can be saved as WMA, WAV and Ogg audio files. You can also build an audio archive on their PC, or transfer files to a portable audio player to listen to on the move.



Close integration with Dragon










ClaroRead works alongside Dragon NaturallySpeaking V8 and V9 to allow for hands-free dictation and proofreading of text. The unique "echo back" feature of ClaroRead instantly speaks back the text that you have dictated with Dragon. Ideal for identifying the recognition errors and building confidence in Dragon.



Worldwide languages

Students can get support in over 17 languages using ClaroRead add-on voices. Both English students and English speakers learning another language can listen to any document, test paper, or web page with a high quality human voice.

10 Reasons to Choose ClaroRead PLUS

- 1** Powerful but simple to use assistive software – simple by design.

- 2** High Quality Realspeak Solo human voices will read anything from your PC clearly and accurately.

- 3** Works closely with Microsoft Word 2003 and 2007. Speaks all text with a visual highlight and speaks as you type. Change layout and colours with a single click.

- 4** Combines with Internet Explorer 6 and 7 to convert any web page into speech. Simply hover the mouse over the text or click and press play.

- 5** Powerful text Check button - check a word for spelling, meaning, homophones and dictionary definitions in Microsoft Word.

- 6** Additional voices available in over 17 languages. Ideal for study support, business or language learning.
- 7** Close integration with Dragon Naturally Speaking (v8 and v9) - makes Dragon easier to use and dictated texts more accurate.

- 8** Scans and converts paper documents in over 50 languages into edit able and accessible Microsoft Word documents. ClaroRead Plus has the OmniPage 15 optical character recognition engine built in.

- 9** Unlocks access to PDF files by converting them into Microsoft Word documents.

- 10** Includes the unique ScreenRuler Reading Bar and ClaroView coloured screen overlay tool.


System requirements

Windows 2000, XP, Vista Pentium 650Mhz or above, 256MB RAM Sound Card or Sound Chip, headphones or speakers. 60 - 140MB hard disc for each Realspeak Voice required.

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