

What is it? Word prediction software can help a user during word processing by "predicting" a word the user intends to type. Predictions are based on spelling, syntax, and frequent/recent use. This prompts kids who struggle with writing to use proper spelling, grammar, and word choices, with fewer keystrokes.

What types of Students might benefit?

- Students with physical disabilities who have difficulty with the mechanics of writing, including speed and spelling issues.
- Students who have illegible handwriting
- Students using phonetic or inventive spelling
- Students who have difficulty translating thoughts into writing

How Does it Help?

- Prevents fatigue by saving keystrokes and helps students work longer with more comfort
- Allows students to focus their writing efforts on content and not on the mechanics or conventions of writing.
- Allows students to write using their speaking/listening vocabulary and does not limit them to only words they can successfully spell
- Speaks the word choices for students who need auditory support for comprehension
- Increases productivity

Commercial Word Prediction Programs:

- Co:Writer – <http://www.donjohnston.com/products/cowriter/index.html>
Watch Co:Writer in action:
http://www.donjohnston.com/media/flash/product_demo/cowriter6/index.html
- Word Q - <http://www.gogsoftware.com/products/>
Watch Word Q in action:
<http://www.gogsoftware.com/resources/videos/>

Free Downloadable Programs:

- <http://www.etype.com/about/news/>
- <http://www.sumitsoft.com/>