

What is it? Text to speech tools convert written language into spoken language.

What types of students might benefit?

- Students who have visual impairments
- Students who struggle with decoding or vocabulary
- Students who are strong auditory processors

How does it help?

- It can provide the scaffolding for students to read independently at a higher and more challenging level.
- It can aid a student in the editing of their written work by providing the auditory feedback necessary to hear their written mistakes (spelling errors, run on sentences, grammatical errors).
- Bolsters comprehension

See an Example of Text to Speech in Action

<http://youtu.be/bijjZng45lg>

Some Free Programs to Download

- NaturalReader
<http://www.naturalreaders.com/>
- **Typelt ReadIt**
http://www.schoolfreeware.com/Typelt_ReadIt.html
- **Balabolka**
<http://www.cross-plus-a.com/balabolka.htm>

Some Commercial Programs:

- Kurzweil 3000
<http://www.kurzweiledu.com/products.html>
- Read and Write Gold
<http://www.texthelp.com/North-America>
- Wynn
<http://www.freedomscientific.com/LSG/index.asp>