

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE GUIDE:

SPELLING/WORD PREDICTION

What is available to support spelling and Word Prediction?

This area is a subset of writing and language, though programs to support spelling and word prediction are

What types of students might benefit?

Those with difficulty in any of the following areas: Encoding, Dyslexia, Expressive Language, etc.

How does it help?

Programs to help spelling and word prediction are often dictionary based and rely on some piece of input to get started. The student must give some “clues” for the program to help. This could mean finding a program which understands phonetic spelling, using a program that has topic dictionaries, or programs which understand and can predict grammatically what type of word should come next. Some of these programs also allow students to dictate single words if they don’t know where to start spelling.

Who can be a support on your team?

Reading Specialist, Speech Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Teacher, School Psychologist, Parent, Student

Spelling Skills to Consider:

- Identify correctly spelled word
- Write spelling words from dictation
- Spell words orally
- Use correct homonyms
- Look up words
- Complete writing tasks with correct spelling

Common Classroom Materials:

- Alphabet strip
- Computer/tablet/word processor
- Dictionary, grammar and/or spell checker
- Document camera
- Flashcards
- Interactive whiteboard

Common Accommodations/Modifications/Strategies:

- Peer/adult assistance
- Personal dictionary
- Preview of vocabulary
- Use synonyms
- Word wall/list

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Assistive Technology Solutions:

- Phonics phone
 - Portable spell checker with or without auditory output
 - Device, software or app
 - spell and grammar checker
- word prediction
word processor picture-based text-to-speech speech recognition
online dictionaries

Advanced reading and writing aid software that includes:

Optical Character Recognition (OCR)
text-to-speech with highlighting
study tools
dictionary
word prediction

Products mentioned below are examples of available items. Their listing in this guide is not an endorsement or suggestion for purchase. Consideration of the tool should be individualized to each student.



Ginger

<https://www.gingersoftware.com/>



Grammarly

<https://www.grammarly.com/>



Read&Write Gold

<https://www.texthelp.com/en-us/products/read-write/>



Co:Writer

<https://cowriter.com/>



WordWeb

<https://wordweb.info/>



Clicker

<https://www.cricksoft.com>