

Read & Write GOLD Feature Highlights

- ❖ **Works within most Windows Applications** – No need to learn a new way of creating and editing text as it works seamlessly within Windows applications such as Microsoft Word and Internet Explorer. Besides Windows Applications, it can be used with internet sources, scanned material and materials imported from CD's
- ❖ **Mobile** - Users are able to have Read&Write GOLD on a thumb drive which simply plugs into the USB port of any computer running Windows 2000 or XP. Read&Write 8 GOLD Mobile provides students and teachers with complete portability to access Read&Write 8 GOLD anywhere.
- ❖ **Reads locked PDF documents** - PDFaloud is designed to provide help to Adobe Acrobat users with reading difficulties. It does this by reading text aloud from PDF documents, using the Speech Control facility. You can control how you want to hear the text read aloud by adjusting the speech and the pronunciation settings.
- ❖ **Voices** – Choice of a variety of voices. Supports the newest SAPI 5 voices.
- ❖ **Spelling** - use the Spell Checker in a variety of ways including auto correction, spell check as you type, add words to the custom dictionary, and add a phonetic replacement. Read&Write Gold understands spelling errors phonetically and actually learns the words frequently used and picks up on errors.
- ❖ **Homophones** - identifies homophones and gives users a selection of choices as well as definitions for each choice.
- ❖ **Word Prediction** – advanced feature that allows users to choose from a variety of prediction files, and pre-set options so that commonly misspelled words can be accurately predicted
- ❖ **Research Tools with Graphic Organizer – Fact Find, Fact Folder, Fact Mapper** - Fact finder allows users to look up information about a specific topic or word, use a variety of sources to do research, and add websites as needed. There are powerful research tools allowing users to organize their thoughts when writing a paper. You are able to create facts to include in a paper, link those facts to others, map out the facts, add images to the map and brainstorm new ideas and elements.
- ❖ **Daisy Reader Application** – reads books in Daisy format from organizations like bookshare.org or other online sources.
- ❖ **MP3 Creation** - once information is in your computer, you are able to save it as a WAV or MP3 file so that documents can be played on an MP3 player.
- ❖ **Talking Calculator** - enables users to use both a standard and scientific calculator within MS Word. It will calculate sums and then read them out loud. Able to convert numeric values into a variety of measures.
- ❖ **Screen Reading facility** – able to function as a screen reader which is useful if you have trouble reading or understanding items on the screen, e.g. menu options and button labels.
- ❖ **Teacher's Toolkit** - specific tools that teachers can use to help facilitate learning for individual students. Can select features to be allowed accessible by students. This is especially helpful during testing as some items should not be used. Teachers can also set preferences according to student and view which students are using the program and when they used it.
- ❖ **Screenshot Reader** – can select any part of the screen to be read aloud. The selected text will appear in a separate window and be read aloud with highlighting. This feature works with all text, including text that is embedded within an image or is contained within inaccessible flash giving users access to text found within many websites and applications (i.e. Blackboard) that was previously unreadable.
- ❖ **Scanning Enhancements** – scan from a digital camera; users can take a picture of a page or document using a digital camera, scan it directly into a computer from the camera, and read it aloud using Read&Write GOLD.
- ❖ **Study Skills Integration** – the Study Skills Toolbar is integrated within the main Read&Write GOLD application. By integrating Study Skills into the main application, users can select and extract highlighted text from within Internet Explorer, as well as MS Word.

- ❖ **Summary Feature** – Users can select a portion of text in a document or on the screen and Read&Write GOLD will create a new MS Word document that collapses the text into a summary. For example, a page of text can be summarized into just a couple of paragraphs.
- ❖ **Take Settings Home** – users can copy their Read&Write GOLD settings to a USB drive and then copy them onto another computer.

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