

Making AI Work for You!



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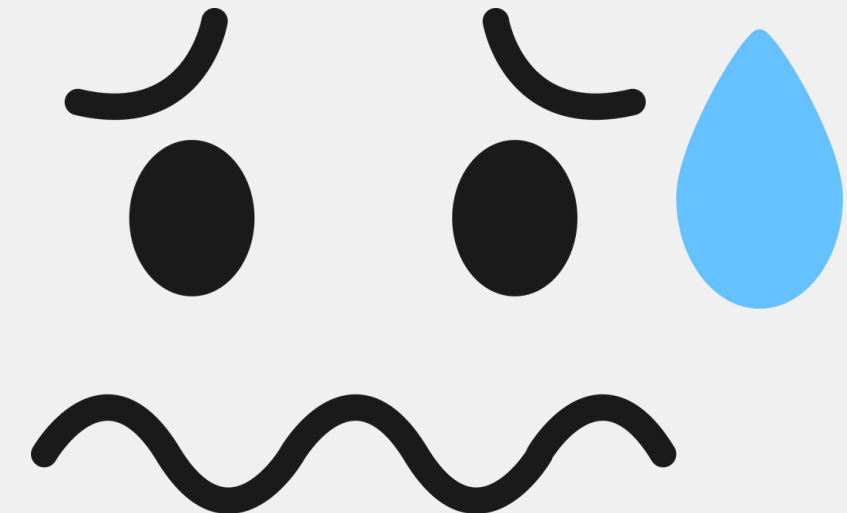
What do you think about using AI to **make your life easier** and **promoting student success**?



Excited and Eager to Learn



Curious and have an open mind



Fearful and Anxious

Where are you on this your AI journey?

- I enjoy trying out all the new cool tools!
- It's probably another fad that will pass.
- I'm afraid that it will take over and I will be out of a job!
- I'll let others deal with it and I want to just keep doing things as I've been doing them.
- I'm scared of its impact.
- I'm excited about the opportunities it offers!
- I find it totally overwhelming and don't know where to start.
- I'm worried our kids won't develop essential skills.



Benefits of Using AI

- Overcome obstacles
- Maximize the love of learning
- Prepare students for a successful future
- Help with productivity
- Reduce anxiety, stress & frustration⁴
- Make our own lives easier and more efficient



Approach Thoughtfully- minimize potential harm

- Privacy
- Nurture skill development and learning
- Minimize impact of disabilities
- Take advantage of interests and strengths
- Enhance productivity- save precious time
- Start slowly- minimize overwhelm



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What student skills that could use some help?

- Executive Functioning
- Emotional Regulation
- Self-advocacy
- Reading comprehension
- Writing
- Math
- Attention and focus
- Studying
- Social skills
- Communication



Technology with AI is not new..

We already use it for...

- Captioning
- Translating
- Online searching
- Reading text aloud
- Predicting words
- Contextual spell checking
- Speaking to type



Universal Design - Built in Assistive Technology Tools- AI

Help students access the curriculum, show what they know, and be engaged in learning



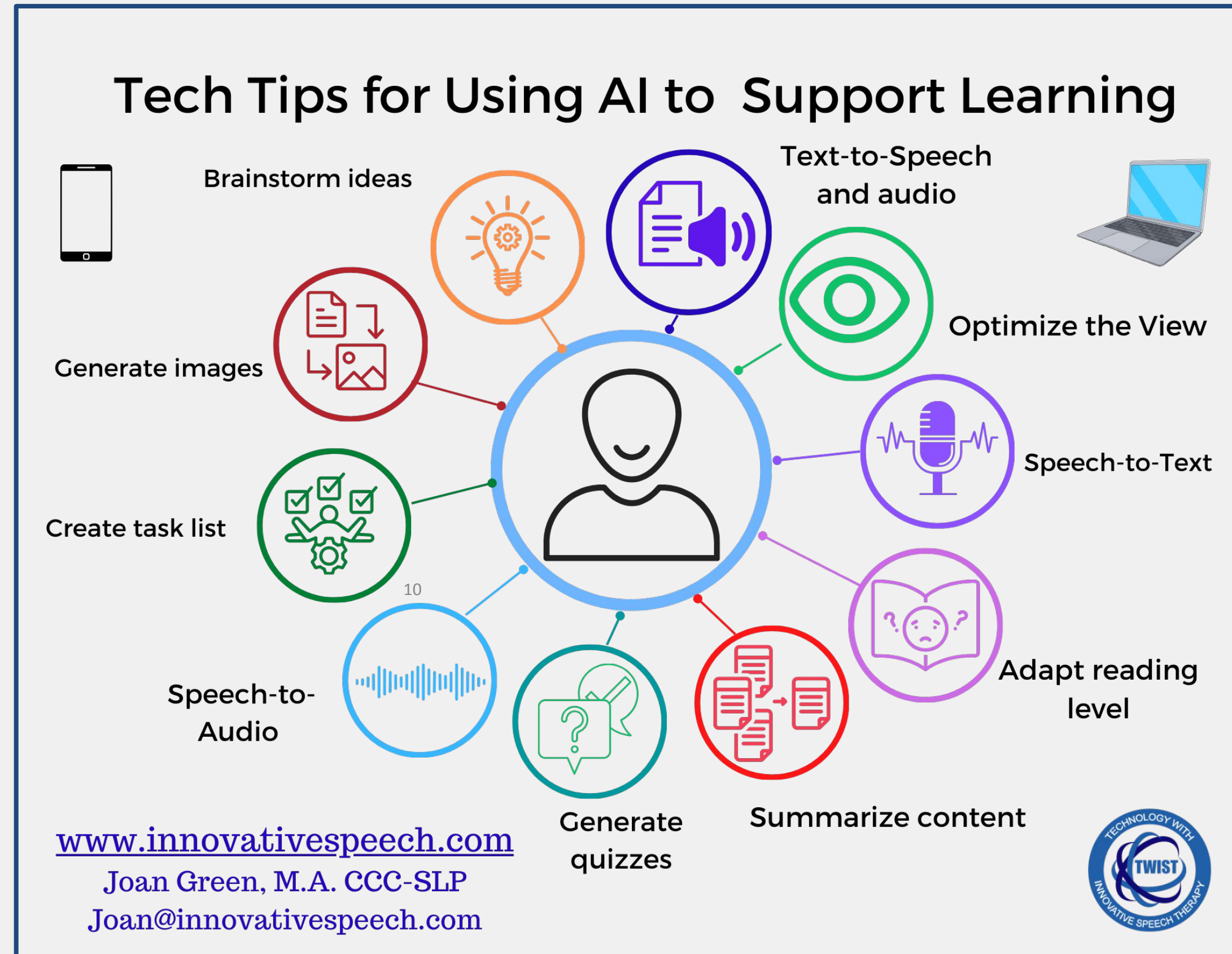
So many options!

It can get overwhelming fast!

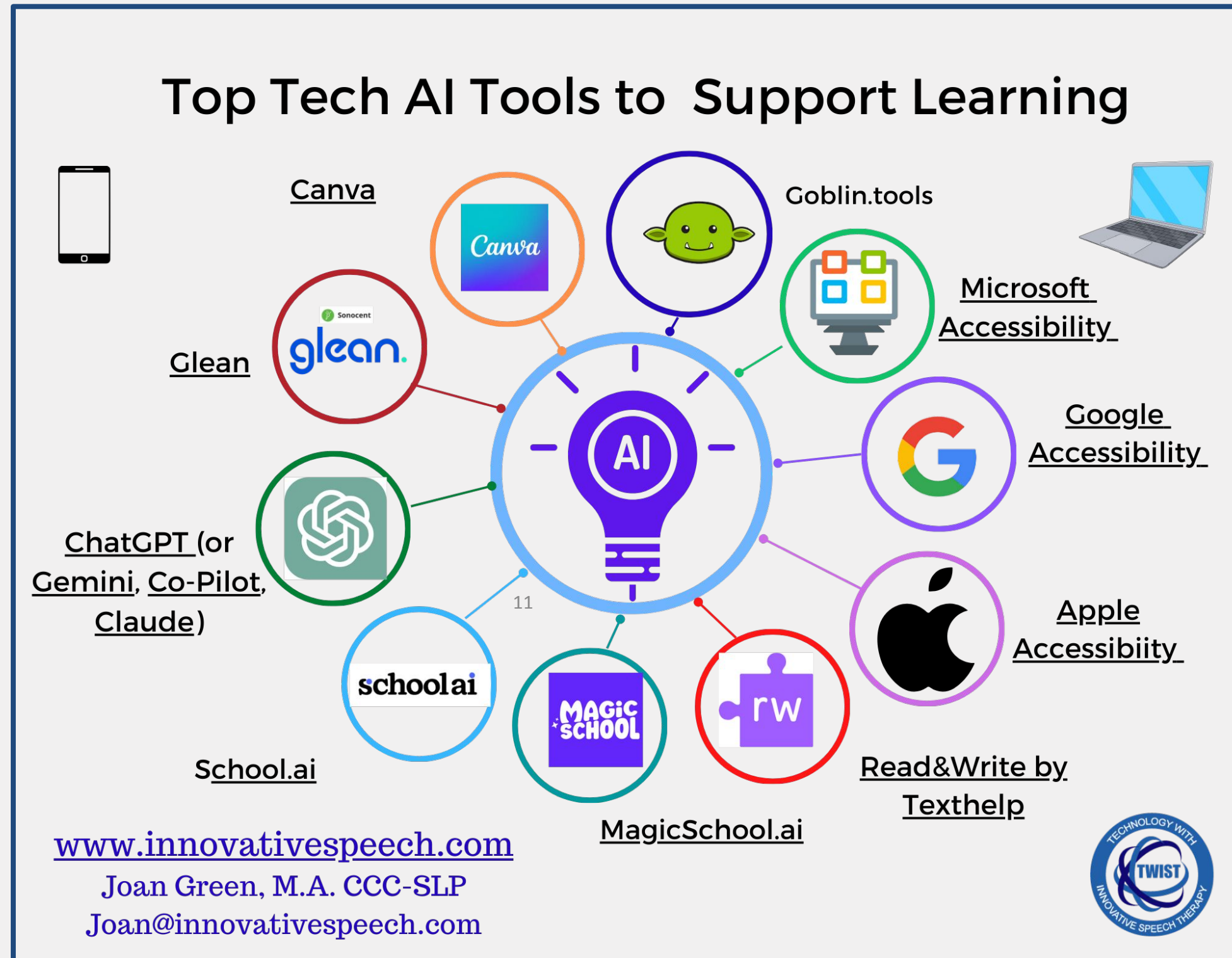
[TheresAnAIForThat.com](https://theresanaiforthat.com)

- Start with the lowest hanging fruit-
easiest to implement- broadest positive
impact
- Cautious experimentation with privacy

Focus on features to support student needs



Highly impactful AI powered tech to explore...



AI Support for Executive Functioning

Difficulty with

- organization
- time management
- task initiation
- breaking projects into smaller chunks
- self-regulation



Goblin Tools



- A collection of small, simple, single-task tools, mostly designed to help neurodivergent people with tasks they find overwhelming or difficult.
- No login required
- Free online.
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All devices can read aloud for free!

The process depends on the device, operating system and format of the material

- Devices- computers, phones and tablets
- Browsers- Edge, Chrome and Safari
- Word processors- Word and Google Docs



Immersive Reader

- Read Aloud- while highlighted
- Change the voice and speed
- Change text preferences
- Grammar Tools- parts of speech and syllables
- Reading Preferences- line focus
- Reading Coach

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Enhance Readability- Declutter the screen

- Remove ads
- Adjust font size and type
- Customize color

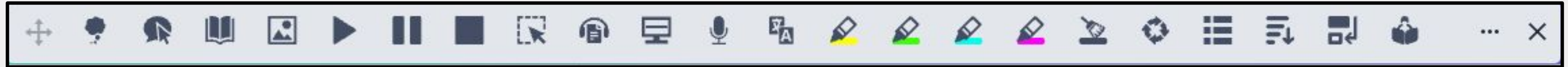


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Read and Write for Google by Texthelp

- Read&Write
- Free text to speech feature forever for everyone
- Free premium version for teachers
- Works in Chrome and Edge
- Joined forces with Don Johnston two years ago
- Can customize the toolbar
- [Chrome Extension](#)
- [Edge Add-on](#)
- <https://www.texthelp.com/pricing/>

Read&Write Toolbar



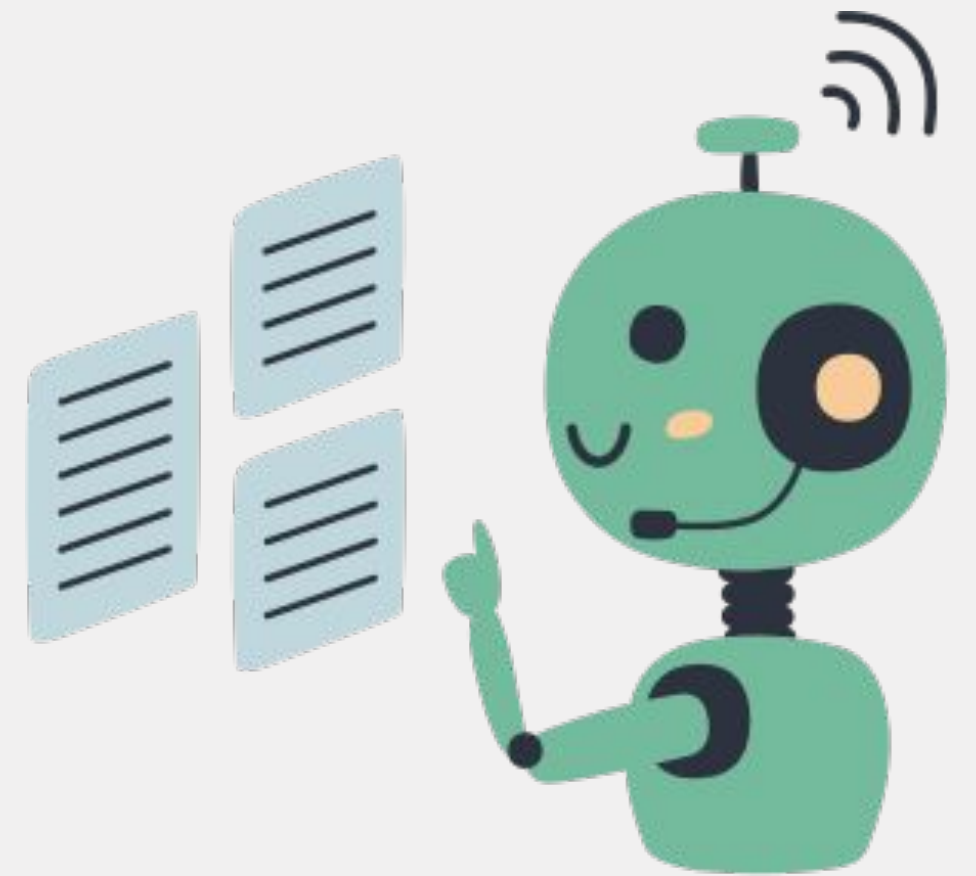
Diffit for Teachers

- Use existing curriculum or generate standards-aligned content with cited sources.
- Choose grade and create differentiated resources
- Get student ready activities
- Pricing

Get student-ready resources for...

How can the Generative AI apps help with Reading?

- [ChatGPT](#)
- [Microsoft Copilot](#)
- [Anthropic Claude](#)
- [Google Gemini](#)
- [Perplexity](#) - Conversational search engine



Using Large Language Models with Students

- ChatGPT- not for children under 13 or those under 18 without parent permission
- Teacher can guide use with the students
- Similar to internet safety lessons- we need to teach generative AI safety.
- It's best if user already knows the content- so can check for accuracy
- Let's teach how to interact with the tool- analyze content, check validity, stay in control
- Compare different responses- Gemini, ChatGPT, Copilot
- Test out validity together
- Come up with strategies/ skills for prompting

Teaching writing by talking

Promote Clear Speech with complete sentences in a quiet environment

• Teach verbal punctuation, commands and keyboard shortcuts

Encourage consistent practice

Emphasize proofreading and editing

Note taking/ study tools

- Focus on learning- capture info
- Follow up and supplement notes
- Timestamps with text or symbols for future reference
- Need permission to record
- Otter.ai
- Glean



