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Technology Supports for Struggling Writers



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Foreword and Acknowledgements

Foreword

The *Technology Supports for Struggling Writers* training module addresses the five research based components of effective writing instruction: pre-writing, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing. The *Technology Supports for Struggling Writers* is a supplementary chart that breaks each component into areas and links technology to each of the skill areas to support the development of writing ability. The document is provided as a resource tool for professionals, students and parents working with technology to support writing needs. The tools and strategies provided are not intended to be an exhaustive list, but more a resource that provides examples of low-tech materials and software to use to supplement learning. The project leadership believes that the free exchange of information does not necessarily involve endorsement of that information, the websites, links, products, or services contained therein.

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Stages of the Writing Process: Prewriting

No Tech/Low Tech:

Note Cards	Dry Erase Board
Written Outlines	Sticky Notes
Magnetic Letters / Words	Story Starters
Graphic Organizers	Writing Checklists

Possible Technology Tools:

Product Name	Manufacturer	Website	Description
Author's Toolkit	Sunburst	www.sunburst.com	Author's Toolkit is a software application that provides step by step cues to support students in their planning process. Some of the cueing tools include 'Purpose and Audience' and 'Structuremaker.'
ClaroRead Premium	Claro Software	www.clarosoftware.com	ClaroRead Premium is a software application that provides students with a variety of support. ClaroRead Premium contains a concept map generator to assist students in planning their writing. ClaroRead Premium provides text to speech support.
Draft:Builder SE	Don Johnston Incorporated	www.donjohnston.com	Draft:Builder SE is a software application that provides scaffolded support to students through teacher prompts, outlines and concept maps helping students in the writing planning process. Draft:Builder SE comes with a variety of ready made templates which can be customized for individual student use or teachers can create new templates for the students to use. Draft-Builder provides text to speech support.
Inspiration	Inspiration	www.inspiration.com	Inspiration is a software application that allows students to note and organize their ideas. Students may do this in either an outline format or a graphical concept map. Inspiration allows the student to flip between corresponding views of the outline or graphical map. Inspiration provides text to speech support.
Inspiration for Palm	Inspiration	www.inspiration.com	Inspiration for Palm is a smaller version of Inspiration designed for use on devices that are running the Palm Operating System. Inspiration for Palm contains many of the same features as Inspiration without text to speech support.
Kidspiration	Inspiration	www.inspiration.com	Kidspiration, a version of Inspiration designed for younger children, is a software application that allows students to note and organize their ideas. Students may do this in either an outline format or a graphical concept map. Inspiration allows the student to flip between corresponding views of the outline or graphical map. Kidspiration provides text to speech support.
MediaWeaver	Sunburst	www.sunburst.com	MediaWeaver is a word processor that utilizes both text and multimedia to support students throughout the process of writing (writing, revising, editing, illustrating and publishing).

Microsoft Word	Microsoft	www.microsoft.com	MS Word is a software application that serves as a word processor allowing students to plan their writing through the creation of hierarchical outlines. MS Word contains various templates which can be used to assist students in planning and organizing their writing.
Microsoft Visio	Microsoft	www.microsoft.com	MS Visio is a software application that provides the means to create graphical concept maps which can be used to note, link, and organize ideas.
MindGenius for Education	MindGenius	www.mindgenius.com	MindGenius for Education is a software application that enables students to create a graphical concept map to note, link, and organize ideas. MindGenius for Education also allows the embedding of other content (e.g., documents, references, etc.) in the concept map.
MindJet	<i>Web Tool</i>	www.mindjet.com	MindJet is a free web based application that allows for the creation of graphical concept maps.
MindMapper	SimTech	www.mindmapper.com	MindMapper is a software application that allows for the creation of graphical concept maps enabling student to note and organize their ideas.
MindMeister	<i>Web Tool</i>	www.mindmeister.com	MindMeister is a free web based application that allows for the creation of graphical concept maps.
Mindomo	<i>Web Tool</i>	www.mindomo.com	Mindomo is a free web based application that allows for the creation of graphical concept maps.
mxGraph	<i>Web Tool</i>	www.mxgraph.com	mxGraph is a free web based application that allows for the creation of graphical concept maps.
ndxCARDS	TruTAMIL LLC	www.ndxcards.com	Software tool allows user to record ideas on electronic index cards. Ideas can be organized via keywords, subjects, etc.
Neo	Alphasmart	www.alphasmart.com	The Neo is a portable word processing device. It allows students to type, save and edit their work. Students can then transfer their work to a computer based word processor for finalization. The instructor has the option to enable planning outlines to guide students in their writing.
Open Office Writer	Open Office	www.openoffice.com	Open Office Writer is a free software application that serves as a word processor. The Open Office Writer contains various templates which can be used to assist students in planning and organizing their writing. In addition, students may access the hierarchical outlining tool to create outlines in the planning stage of their writing.
Write Brain	Sunburst	www.sunburst.com	WriteBrain is an online application that provides sequential scaffolding in the writing process. WriteBrain provides students with highly structured cues to aid in the idea generation and organization during the planning process.

Writer's Companion	Visions	www.writerscomp.com	Writer's Companion is a software application that provides students with different supports for a variety of writing purposes. Students can choose a template (either open-ended or for a particular purpose of writing) to note and organize their ideas. Writer's Companion provides text to speech support.
Zoho Writer	Web Tool	www.zoho.com	Zoho Writer is a free web based application that serves as a word processor. Zoho Writer provides templates to assist students in the idea generation and organization processes of writing. Zoho Writer also contains an outlining tool which may help students in the planning process.

Notes:

No Tech / Low Tech	Possible Technology Tools

Stages of the Writing Process: Drafting

No Tech/ Low Tech:

Written Templates	Word Cards / Wall / Book
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Possible Technology Tools:

Product Name	Manufacturer	Website	Description
Author's Toolkit	Sunburst	www.sunburst.com	Author's Toolkit is a software application that provides step by step cues to support students in their planning process. Some of the cueing tools include 'Purpose and Audience' and 'Structuremaker.'
AutoTextTyper	Chaotic Software	www.oatsoft.org	This menu plugin lets the person add commonly used text (email addresses, company names, etc.) to a list of items in a contextual menu. Those items can then be chosen from the menu and automatically typed into any application that supports contextual menus.
Board Maker, Board Maker Plus!	Mayer Johnson	www.mayerjohnson.com	This software tool enables users to create symbol based communication and educational materials. The Plus! version of this software adds the interactive features of voice, animation and video capability.
Board Maker with Speaking Dynamically	Mayer Johnson	www.mayerjohnson.com	This software tool enables users to create symbol based communication and educational materials. The addition of Speaking Dynamically creates a talking word processor and a speech output AAC tool.
CalcuScribe	Qwerty	www.calcuscribe.com	A portable word processor device that enables students to send text files to any computer application. This device also includes an interactive calculator.
ClaroRead Plus	Claro Software	www.clarosoftware.com	This software application reads back text as it is typed. Text can also be highlighted and read back for editing/proofreading. The Plus version of the software can provide support for scanned documents and PDF documents. The Plus version also will echo back words or phrases dictated using Dragon NaturallySpeaking version 8 or 9.
ClaroRead Premium	Claro Software	www.clarosoftware.com	ClaroRead Premium is a software application that provides students with a variety of support. ClaroRead Premium contains a concept map generator to assist students in planning their writing. ClaroRead Premium provides text to speech support.
ClaroRead Standard	Claro Software	www.clarosoftware.com	This software application reads back text as it is typed. Text can also be highlighted and read back for editing/proofreading.
Clicker 5	Crick Software	www.cricksoft.com	Clicker is a writing tool that enables users to write with whole words, phrases or pictures. Customized grids can be downloaded or developed to meet the specific needs of each individual.

Co:Writer SE	Don Johnston Incorporated	www.donjohnston.com	Provides grammar, and vocabulary support capabilities to any word processor or e-mail program Incorporates topic dictionaries for curriculum specific vocabulary Offers Flex Spell to translate phonetic spelling and grammar support
Dana	AlphaSmart	www.alphasmart.com	Incorporates the Palm OS platform within a portable word processor Enter text with stylus, keyboard, touch screen
Draft:Builder SE	Don Johnston Incorporated	www.donjohnston.com	Draft:Builder SE is a software application that provides scaffold support to students through teacher prompts, outlines and concept maps helping students in the writing planning process. Draft:Builder SE comes with a variety of ready made templates which can be customized for individual student use or teachers can create new templates for the students to use. Draft-Builder provides text to speech support.
Dragon Naturally Speaking	Nuance	www.nuance.com	This software tool enables users to dictate text directly into any software application (word processor, email, etc.) using their voice. Only works in the Windows operating system.
I Listen	Mac Speech	www.macspeech.com	This software tool enables users to dictate text directly into any software application (word processor, email, etc.) using their voice. Only works in the Mac operating system.
Intellitalk III	Cambium Learning	www.intellitools.com	Talking word processor software tool that provides users with a variety of tools to support writing.
KeyStone ScreenSpeaker	Words Worldwide	www.keyspell.com	This software tool works in cooperation with word processing tools (Microsoft Word, etc.) to provide auditory feedback during the writing process.
Key to Access	Premier Programming Solutions	www.readingmadeez.com	Small USB flash drive device with 8 pre-loaded programs. These programs can work on any computer by plugging into a USB port. The programs are: Premier Predictor Pro, PDF Equalizer, Scan and Read Pro, Universal Reader Plus, E-Text Reader, Ultimate Talking Dictionary, Talking Word Processor, PDF Magic, Text to Audio, Talking Calculator.
Kurzweil 3000	Cambium Learning	www.kurzweiledu.com	Reads word & pdf documents and documents scanned into the computer Offers customizable visual and auditory feedback Break words into syllables, spell words aloud, looks up the definition of a word Provides a built in Internet browser to read web pages aloud, and complete web searches
Laser PC6	Perfect Solutions	www.perfectsolutions.com	Compatible with PC platform Includes typing tutorial using Herzog's abc progression, spreadsheet options, calculator. Offers optional features for word prediction and text-to-speech and infrared connection
MediaWeaver	Sunburst	www.sunburst.com	MediaWeaver is a word processor that utilizes both text and multimedia to support students throughout the process of writing (writing, revising, editing, illustrating and publishing.
Microsoft Word	Microsoft	www.microsoft.com	MS Word is a software application that serves as a word processor allowing students to plan their writing through the creation of hierarchical outlines. MS Word contains various templates which can be used to assist students in planning and organizing their writing.

Neo	Alphasmart	www.alphasmart.com	The Neo is a portable word processing device. It allows students to type, save and edit their work. Students can then transfer their work to a computer based word processor for finalization. The instructor has the option to enable planning outlines to guide students in their writing.
Open Office Writer	Open Office	www.openoffice.com	Open Office Writer is a free software application that serves as a word processor. The Open Office Writer contains various templates which can be used to assist students in planning and organizing their writing. In addition, students may access the hierarchical outlining tool to create outlines in the planning stage of their writing.
Pen Friend	Crick Software	www.cricksoft.com	This is a word prediction tool that works with any word processing software. Word choices are displayed in a floating box and users get auditory support throughout the writing process.
Picture It	Slater Software, Inc.	www.slatersoftware.com	Compose documents up to 500 words Includes 6000 graphic both color and black& white Import graphics and customize visual and auditory feedback
PixWriter	Slater Software, Inc	www.slatersoftware.com	Utilizes a Picture based on-screen keyboard Incorporates 1800 picture symbols
Premier Predictor Pro	Premier Programming Solutions	www.readingmadeez.com	This is a talking word predication software tool that works with all the programs on the computer. Word choices are shown via a floating window that appears next to the cursor in the application being used.
QuickPAD IR	QuickPad	www.quickpad.com	Portable word processor that enables typing materials to be downloaded to any computer word processing program. Device can hold up to 250 named files and files can be transferred to computer via Infrared transfer.
QuickPAD Pro	QuickPad	www.quickpad.com	Portable word processor that enables typing materials to be downloaded to any computer word processing program. This device also has ability to transfer materials to optional Compact Flash memory cards or via USB port to a computer.
REACH Sound-It-Out Phonetic Keyboard	Applied Human Factors	www.ahf-net.com	This on-screen keyboard allows user to “type” word by selecting the sounds in words instead of the letters. By pointing at a key, the phonemic sound is played.
Soothsayer	Applied Human Factors	www.ahf-net.com	Offers word prediction, speech feedback, abbreviation expansion and word completion
Speak Q	QuillSoft	www.wordq.com	This software tool enables user to speak directly into the computer to create writing assignments. The user can choose to type with the keyboard, use word prediction or type via voice.
Speegle Plugin for Firefox	OATSoft	www.oatsoft.org	Provides auditory support while user types into an Internet search engine.

Talking Word Processor	Premier Programming Solutions	www.readingmadeez.com	This word processing software tool provides auditory support throughout the writing process with the assistance of the following features: talking grammar check, text highlighting and extraction, talking word prediction and talking spell checker.
Text Help Read and Write Gold	TextHelp Systems	www.texthelp.com	This software provides a customizable toolbar that provides added functions to Microsoft Word. This includes voice output, word prediction, talking dictionary, spelling/homophone checker, and the ability to create MP3 audio files of materials.
Text Help Read and Write Gold Portable	TextHelp Systems	www.texthelp.com	This tool provides all the software features without having to install any software. The device plugs into any USB port and provides access to the following features: voice output, word prediction, talking dictionary, spelling/homophone checker, and the ability to create MP3 audio files of materials.
The Writer II	Advanced Keyboard Technologies	www.keyboardinstructor.com	Portable word processor that enables students to work on writing in any location. Files are organized through the Work Folder Filing System.
The Writer Fusion	Advanced Keyboard Technologies	www.keyboardinstructor.com	Portable word processor that enables students to work on writing in any location. Files are organized through the Work Folder Filing System. This device is also equipped with text to speech to provide auditory support throughout the writing process.
Thinkfree Write	<i>Web Tool</i>	www.thinkfree.com	Online alternative to Microsoft Office. Allows for easy collaboration and storage of up to 1 GB online.
Universal WriteAssist	SecondGuess	www.secondguessusa.com	This tool provides text to speech features in existing word processing programs. These features include the ability to hear words spoken and a auditory spell checker.
Wordbar	Crick Software	www.cricksoft.com	This toolbar sits along the bottom of the screen. By clicking on words or phrases, the user can send information to the word processor. Text to speech feature is also available.
Word Q	QuillSoft	www.wordq.com	Intended to be used along with standard Windows word processing software. Offers advanced word prediction and text-to-speech feedback.
WordTalk PlugIn for MS Word	OATSoft	www.oatsoft.org www.wordtalk.org.uk/	Works with all versions of Microsoft Word (from 97 – current) and provides auditory support within the writing environment. Text is highlighted and spoken simultaneously to support struggling students.
Write Brain	Sunburst	www.sunburst.com	WriteBrain is an online application that provides sequential scaffolding in the writing process. WriteBrain provides students with highly structured cues to aid in the idea generation and organization during the planning process.

Writer's Companion	Visions	www.writerscomp.com	Writer's Companion is a software application that provides students with different supports for a variety of writing purposes. Students can choose a template (either open-ended or for a particular purpose of writing) to note and organize their ideas. Writer's Companion provides text to speech support.
Write:Out Loud SE	Don Johnston Incorporated	www.donjohnston.com	Word processing software that offers customizable visual and auditory feedback and spell checker/dictionary.
Writing with Symbols	Mayer Johnson	www.mayerjohnson.com	Provides 3800 picture symbols, 4000 rebus symbols and you can import your own graphics Offers visual & auditory feedback and can be used with pictures or without as a talking word processor
WYNN	Freedom Scientific	www.freedomscientific.com/LSG	Suite of built-in tools supporting reading, writing, studying, and Internet research, all with customized auditory and visual modifications. Import curriculum to be read; Web browsing with text extraction; listen to links aloud without activating; writing and study tools include dictionary, two spell checkers, word prediction, note-taking, voice notes, bookmarks, and study guide extraction. Easy to learn with simplified interface.
Zoho Writer	<i>Web Tool</i>	www.zoho.com	Zoho Writer is a free web based application that serves as a word processor. Zoho Writer provides templates to assist students in the idea generation and organization processes of writing. Zoho Writer also contains an outlining tool which may help students in the planning process.

Notes:

No Tech / Low Tech	Possible Technology Tools

Stages of the Writing Process: Revising

No Tech/Low Tech:

Print Dictionary	Personal / Custom Dictionary
Custom Word List	Word Cards / Wall

Possible Technology Tools:

Product Name	Manufacturer	Website	Description
Author's Toolkit	Sunburst	www.sunburst.com	Author's Toolkit is a software application that provides step by step cues to support students in their planning process. Some of the cueing tools include 'Purpose and Audience' and 'Structuremaker.'
Children's Speller & Dictionary	Franklin	www.franklin.com	Handheld device provides support with over 40,000 definitions, written specifically for children ages 6 & up. Device also provides spell correction for over 46,000 words and six educational games.
Children's Talking Dictionary & Spell Corrector	Franklin	www.franklin.com	Handheld device provides auditory support with 44,000 elementary word definitions. Device speaks letters, words and definitions. Also includes a personal vocabulary word list and a homophone guide.
ClaroRead Plus	Claro Software	www.clarosoftware.com	This software application reads back text as it is typed. Text can also be highlighted and read back for editing/proofreading. The Plus version of the software can provide support for scanned documents and PDF documents. The Plus version also will echo back words or phrases dictated using Dragon NaturallySpeaking version 8 or 9.
ClaroRead Premium	Claro Software	www.clarosoftware.com	ClaroRead Premium is a software application that provides students with a variety of support. ClaroRead Premium contains a concept map generator to assist students in planning their writing. ClaroRead Premium provides text to speech support.
ClaroRead Standard	Claro Software	www.clarosoftware.com	This software application reads back text as it is typed. Text can also be highlighted and read back for editing/proofreading.
Clicker 5	Crick Software	www.cricksoft.com	Clicker is a writing tool that enables users to write with whole words, phrases or pictures. Customized grids can be downloaded or developed to meet the specific needs of each individual.
Co:Writer SE	Don Johnston Incorporated	www.donjohnston.com	Provides grammar, and vocabulary support capabilities to any word processor or e-mail program Incorporates topic dictionaries for curriculum specific vocabulary Offers Flex Spell to translate phonetic spelling and grammar support
Dana	AlphaSmart	www.alphasmart.com	Incorporates the Palm OS platform within a portable word processor Enter text with stylus, keyboard, touch screen
Draft:Builder SE	Don Johnston Incorporated	www.donjohnston.com	Draft:Builder SE is a software application that provides scaffold support to students through teacher prompts, outlines and concept maps helping students in the writing planning process. Draft:Builder SE comes with a variety of ready made templates which can be customized for individual student use or teachers can create new templates for the students to use. Draft-Builder provides text to speech support.

Intellitalk III	Cambium Learning	www.intellitools.com	Talking word processor software tool that provides users with a variety of tools to support writing.
KeyStone ScreenSpeaker	Words Worldwide	www.keyspell.com	This software tool works in cooperation with word processing tools (Microsoft Word, etc.) to provide auditory feedback during the writing process.
Key to Access	Premier Programming Solutions	www.readingmadeez.com	Small USB flash drive device with 8 pre-loaded programs. These programs can work on any computer by plugging into a USB port. The programs are: Premier Predictor Pro, PDF Equalizer, Scan and Read Pro, Universal Reader Plus, E-Text Reader, Ultimate Talking Dictionary, Talking Word Processor, PDF Magic, Text to Audio, Talking Calculator.
Kurzweil 3000	Cambium Learning	www.kurzweiledu.com	Reads word & pdf documents and documents scanned into the computer Offers customizable visual and auditory feedback Break words into syllables, spell words aloud, looks up the definition of a word Provides a built in Internet browser to read web pages aloud, and complete web searches
MediaWeaver	Sunburst	www.sunburst.com	MediaWeaver is a word processor that utilizes both text and multimedia to support students throughout the process of writing (writing, revising, editing, illustrating and publishing).
Merriam-Webster Dictionary and Thesaurus	Franklin	www.franklin.com	Handheld device provides support with over 100,000 dictionary entries and over 500,000 synonyms.
Merriam-Webster Speaking Dictionary and Thesaurus	Franklin	www.franklin.com	Handheld devices provide auditory support for 120,000 words, with over 300,000 definitions, 500,000 thesaurus entries.
Microsoft Word	Microsoft	www.microsoft.com	MS Word is a software application that serves as a word processor allowing students to plan their writing through the creation of hierarchical outlines. MS Word contains various templates which can be used to assist students in planning and organizing their writing.
Picture It	Slater Software, Inc.	www.slatersoftware.com	Compose documents up to 500 words Includes 6000 graphic both color and black& white Import graphics and customize visual and auditory feedback
PixWriter	Slater Software, Inc	www.slatersoftware.com	Utilizes a Picture based on-screen keyboard Incorporates 1800 picture symbols
Speaking Language Master	Franklin	www.franklin.com	Handheld devices provide auditory support for 130,000 words, with over 300,000 definitions, 500,000 synonyms and 10, 000 antonyms.
Speaking Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary	Franklin	www.franklin.com	Handheld device provides auditory support for spell correction of over 200,000 words as well as access to 500,00 synonyms and antonyms. This reference tool has a built-in ROLODEX Databank and is expandable with a PC connectivity kit (sold separately) that allows for downloads of other reference and eBook titles as well as eNews from around the world. Use your book card slot to access a library of additional Franklin titles.
Speegle Plugin for Firefox	OATSoft	www.oatsoft.org	Provides auditory support while user types into an Internet search engine
Spelling Ace & Thesaurus	Franklin	www.franklin.com	Handheld device provides phonetic spell correction for over 100,000 words, as well as access to 500,000 synonyms and antonyms. Also includes a calculator and built-in word related games to improve skills.

Talking Word Processor	Premier Programming Solutions	www.readingmadeez.com	This word processing software tool provides auditory support throughout the writing process with the assistance of the following features: talking grammar check, text highlighting and extraction, talking word prediction and talking spell checker.
Text Help Read and Write Gold	TextHelp Systems	www.texthelp.com	This software provides a customizable toolbar that provides added functions to Microsoft Word. This includes voice output, word prediction, talking dictionary, spelling/homophone checker, and the ability to create MP3 audio files of materials.
Text Help Read and Write Gold Portable	TextHelp Systems	www.texthelp.com	This tool provides all the software features without having to install any software. The device plugs into any USB port and provides access to the following features: voice output, word prediction, talking dictionary, spelling/homophone checker, and the ability to create MP3 audio files of materials.
The Writer II	Advanced Keyboard Technologies	www.keyboardinstructor.com	Portable word processor that enables students to work on writing in any location. Files are organized through the Work Folder Filing System.
The Writer Fusion	Advanced Keyboard Technologies	www.keyboardinstructor.com	Portable word processor that enables students to work on writing in any location. Files are organized through the Work Folder Filing System. This device is also equipped with text to speech to provide auditory support throughout the writing process.
ThinkMap Visual Thesaurus	Web Tool	www.visualthesaurus.com	The Visual Thesaurus is an interactive dictionary and thesaurus with an interactive display that visually demonstrates the relationships between words.
Ultimate Talking Dictionary	Premier Programming Solutions	www.readingmadeez.com	This talking dictionary can read aloud the definitions for over 250,000 words. There is also a fully integrated thesaurus for referencing synonyms and antonyms of all words.
Word Central's Student Dictionary	Web Tool	www.wordcentral.com	Online interactive dictionary that enables user to look up words or create their own customized dictionary.
WordSmyth	Web Tool	www.wordsmyth.net	Internet tools such as an online electronic dictionary, thesaurus, and a software download that installs in Web browser to enable user to look up a definition of any word on any web page.
WordTalk PlugIn for MS Word	OATSoft	www.oatsoft.org	Works with all versions of Microsoft Word (from 97 – current) and provides auditory support within the writing environment. Text is highlighted and spoken simultaneously to support struggling students.
Write:Out Loud SE	Don Johnston Incorporated	www.donjohnston.com	Word processing software that offers customizable visual and auditory feedback and spell checker/dictionary.
Writer's Companion	Visions	www.writerscomp.com	Writer's Companion is a software application that provides students with different supports for a variety of writing purposes. Students can choose a template (either open-ended or for a particular purpose of writing) to note and organize their ideas. Writer's Companion provides text to speech support.
WYNN	Freedom Scientific	www.freedomscientific.com/LSG	Suite of built-in tools supporting reading, writing, studying, and Internet research, all with customized auditory and visual modifications. Import curriculum to be read; Web browsing with text extraction; listen to links aloud without activating; writing and study tools include dictionary, two spell checkers, word prediction, note-taking, voice notes, bookmarks, and study guide extraction. Easy to learn with simplified interface.
Yahoo Kids Dictionary	Web Tool	http://kids.yahoo.com/reference	Online resource for reference materials, including a dictionary and encyclopedia.

Notes:

No Tech / Low Tech	Possible Technology Tools

Stages of the Writing Process: Editing

No Tech/Low Tech:

Highlighter Pens	Model Documents for comparison
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Possible Technology Tools:

Product Name	Manufacturer	Website	Description
Author's Toolkit	Sunburst	www.sunburst.com	Author's Toolkit is a software application that provides step by step cues to support students in their planning process. Some of the cueing tools include 'Purpose and Audience' and 'Structuremaker.'
AutoTextTyper	OATSoft	www.oatsoft.org	This menu plugin lets the person add commonly used text (email addresses, company names, etc.) to a list of items in a contextual menu. Those items can then be chosen from the menu and automatically typed into any application that supports contextual menus.
ClaroRead Plus	Claro Software	www.clarosoftware.com	This software application reads back text as it is typed. Text can also be highlighted and read back for editing/proofreading. The Plus version of the software can provide support for scanned documents and PDF documents. The Plus version also will echo back words or phrases dictated using Dragon NaturallySpeaking version 8 or 9.
ClaroRead Premium	Claro Software	www.clarosoftware.com	ClaroRead Premium is a software application that provides students with a variety of support. ClaroRead Premium contains a concept map generator to assist students in planning their writing. ClaroRead Premium provides text to speech support.
ClaroRead Standard	Claro Software	www.clarosoftware.com	This software application reads back text as it is typed. Text can also be highlighted and read back for editing/proofreading.
Clicker 5	Crick Software	www.cricksoft.com	Clicker is a writing tool that enables users to write with whole words, phrases or pictures. Customized grids can be downloaded or developed to meet the specific needs of each individual.
Co:Writer SE	Don Johnston Incorporated	www.donjohnston.com	Provides grammar, and vocabulary support capabilities to any word processor or e-mail program. Incorporates topic dictionaries for curriculum specific vocabulary Offers Flex Spell to translate phonetic spelling and grammar support
Dana	AlphaSmart	www.alphasmart.com	Incorporates the Palm OS platform within a portable word processor Enter text with stylus, keyboard, touch screen
Intellitalk III	Cambium Learning	www.intellitools.com	Talking word processor software tool that provides users with a variety of tools to support writing.
KeyStone ScreenSpeaker	Words Worldwide	www.keyspell.com	This software tool works in cooperation with word processing tools (Microsoft Word, etc.) to provide auditory feedback during the writing process.
Key to Access	Premier Programming Solutions	www.readingmadeez.com	Small USB flash drive device with 8 pre-loaded programs. These programs can work on any computer by plugging into a USB port. The programs are: Premier Predictor Pro, PDF Equalizer, Scan and Read Pro, Universal Reader Plus, E-Text Reader, Ultimate Talking Dictionary, Talking Word Processor, PDF Magic, Text to Audio, Talking Calculator.

Kurzweil 3000	Cambium Learning	www.kurzweilededu.com	Reads word & pdf documents and documents scanned into the computer. Offers customizable visual and auditory feedback. Break words into syllables, spell words aloud, looks up the definition of a word. Provides a built in Internet browser to read web pages aloud, and complete web searches.
Laser PC6	Perfect Solutions	www.perfectsolutions.com	Compatible with PC platform. Includes typing tutorial using Herzog's abc progression, spreadsheet options, calculator. Offers optional features for word prediction and text-to-speech and infrared connection
MediaWeaver	Sunburst	www.sunburst.com	MediaWeaver is a word processor that utilizes both text and multimedia to support students throughout the process of writing (writing, revising, editing, illustrating and publishing.
Microsoft Word	Microsoft	www.microsoft.com	MS Word is a software application that serves as a word processor allowing students to plan their writing through the creation of hierarchical outlines. MS Word contains various templates which can be used to assist students in planning and organizing their writing.
Neo	Alphasmart	www.alphasmart.com	The Neo is a portable word processing device. It allows students to type, save and edit their work. Students can then transfer their work to a computer based word processor for finalization. The instructor has the option to enable planning outlines to guide students in their writing.
Picture It	Slater Software, Inc.	www.slatersoftware.com	Compose documents up to 500 words. Includes 6000 graphic both color and black& white. Import graphics and customize visual and auditory feedback.
PixWriter	Slater Software, Inc	www.slatersoftware.com	Utilizes a Picture based on-screen keyboard. Incorporates 1800 picture symbols.
QuickPAD IR	QuickPad	www.quickpad.com	Portable word processor that enables typing materials to be downloaded to any computer word processing program. Device can hold up to 250 named files and files can be transferred to computer via Infrared transfer.
QuickPAD Pro	QuickPad	www.quickpad.com	Portable word processor that enables typing materials to be downloaded to any computer word processing program. This device also has ability to transfer materials to optional Compact Flash memory cards or via USB port to a computer.
Spell Catcher	Rainmaker	www.rainmakerinc.com	This software tools has the ability to check spelling both an as-you-type and after-the-fact. The Shorthand Glossary feature lets you define your own abbreviations for commonly-used phrases.
Talking Word Processor	Premier Programming Solutions	www.readingmadeez.com	This word processing software tool provides auditory support throughout the writing process with the assistance of the following features: talking grammar check, text highlighting and extraction, talking word prediction and talking spell checker.
Text Help Read and Write Gold	TextHelp Systems	www.texthelp.com	This software provides a customizable toolbar that provides added functions to Microsoft Word. This includes voice output, word prediction, talking dictionary, spelling/homophone checker, and the ability to create MP3 audio files of materials.
Text Help Read and Write Gold Portable	TextHelp Systems	www.texthelp.com	This tool provides all the software features without having to install any software. The device plugs info any USB port and provides access to the following features: voice output, word prediction, talking dictionary, spelling/homophone checker, and the ability to create MP3 audio files of materials.
The Writer II	Advanced Keyboard Technologies	www.keyboardinstructor.com	Portable word processor that enables students to work on writing in any location. Files are organized through the Work Folder Filing System.

The Writer Fusion	Advanced Keyboard Technologies	www.keyboardinstructor.com	Portable word processor that enables students to work on writing in any location. Files are organized through the Work Folder Filing System. This device is also equipped with text to speech to provide auditory support throughout the writing process.
Ultimate Talking Dictionary	Premier Programming Solutions	www.readingmadeez.com	This talking dictionary can read aloud the definitions for over 250,000 words. There is also a fully integrated thesaurus for referencing synonyms and antonyms of all words.
Universal WriteAssist	SecondGuess	www.secongguessusa.com	This tool provides text to speech features in existing word processing programs. These features include the ability to hear words spoken and a auditory spell checker.
WordTalk PlugIn for MS Word	OATSoft	www.oatsoft.org www.wordtalk.org.uk/	Works with all versions of Microsoft Word (from 97 – current) and provides auditory support within the writing environment. Text is highlighted and spoken simultaneously to support struggling students.
Write:Out Loud SE	Don Johnston Incorporated	www.donjohnston.com	Word processing software that offers customizable visual and auditory feedback and spell checker/dictionary.
Writer's Companion	Visions	www.writerscomp.com	Writer's Companion is a software application that provides students with different supports for a variety of writing purposes. Students can choose a template (either open-ended or for a particular purpose of writing) to note and organize their ideas. Writer's Companion provides text to speech support.
Writing with Symbols	Mayer Johnson	www.mayerjohnson.com	Provides 3800 picture symbols, 4000 rebus symbols and you can import your own graphics. Offers visual & auditory feedback and can be used with pictures or without as a talking word processor.
WYNN	Freedom Scientific	www.freedomscientific.com/LSG	Suite of built-in tools supporting reading, writing, studying, and Internet research, all with customized auditory and visual modifications. Import curriculum to be read; Web browsing with text extraction; listen to links aloud without activating; writing and study tools include dictionary, two spell checkers, word prediction, note-taking, voice notes, bookmarks, and study guide extraction. Easy to learn with simplified interface.
Zoho Writer	<i>Web Tool</i>	www.zoho.com	Zoho Writer is a free web based application that serves as a word processor. Zoho Writer provides templates to assist students in the idea generation and organization processes of writing. Zoho Writer also contains an outlining tool which may help students in the planning process.

No Tech / Low Tech	Possible Technology Tools

Stages of the Writing Process: Publishing

No Tech/Low Tech:

Tape Recorder / mp3 player for recording materials	Compile writings to create book
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Possible Technology Tools:

Product Name	Manufacturer	Website	Description
Audacity	Sourceforge	http://audacity.sourceforge.net	Audacity is free, open source software for recording and editing sounds. It is available for Mac OS X, Microsoft Windows, GNU/Linux, and other operating systems. Users can create recordings of their writing for publication.
Blogger	Web Tool	http://www.blogger.com	Web site that enables users to publish their writing for free on the Internet.
Bloglines	Web Tool	http://www.bloglines.com	Web site that enables users to publish their writing for free on the Internet.
Blurb BookSmart	Blurb	www.blurb.com	Software tool that allows user to create bookstore quality books and order multiple copies.
BuildAbility	Attainment Company	www.attainmentcompany.com	Provides a user friendly format for creating simple point & click pages Offers sample activities, tutorials, and research documentation of vendor website
Hyperstudio	Hyperstudio	www.hyperstudio.com	Incorporates all multi-media options and has built in accessibility features such as scanning buttons for switch access users Offers a free player download to play presentations on any computer
Imagination Express	Edmark	www.riverdeep.com	Provides various titles range in grade levels from K – grade 8 Encourages students to create their own stories within the program with multi-media tools
Intellipics Studio	Cambium Learning	www.IntelliTools.com	Provides a user-friendly and student friendly format for creating multi-media interactive slideshows
Kid Pix	Riverdeep	www.riverdeep.com	Student friendly – multi-media authoring tool for students to create their own presentations
MP Express	Bytes of Learning	www.bytesoflearning.com	Provides a user-friendly format for creating multi-media interactive slideshows Has several built-in templates, graphics specifically for education to create cross platform presentations
My Own Bookshelf	SoftTouch, Inc.	www.softtouch.com	Is an easy to use electronic book-building program with universal access for students who cannot hold a book. Organizes books on bookshelves.
Poderator	Web Tool	http://www.poderator.com	Free web site that enables user's to publish their podcasts on the Internet.

PowerPoint	Microsoft Corporation	www.microsoft.com http://office.microsoft.com/assistance/preview.aspx?AssetID=HP030784121033&CTT=98 http://www22.brinkster.com/jimluther/access.htm	<p>Incorporates all multi-media options and is a common tool in many schools and homes</p> <p>PowerPoint viewer. This free player allows the user to view created presentations on any computer</p> <p>Switch access template</p>
PowerTalk Plugin for MS PowerPoint	Full Measure	http://fullmeasure.co.uk/powertalk/	Is a free program that automatically speaks any presentation or slide show running in Microsoft PowerPoint for Windows.
Seed WIKI	<i>Web Tool</i>	www.seedwiki.com	Web site that allows users to create their own web presence in order to publish and collaborate on writing.
Storybook Weaver Deluxe 2004	Riverdeep	www.riverdeep.com	Facilitates students to author and illustrate their own multimedia story with an easy-to-use word processor and variety of graphic tools. Provides story ideas ranging from fantasy adventures to personal events to historical fiction, and an extensive array of multicultural images from around the world. Offers students can word processing and text-to-speech features in either English or Spanish.
Storybook Maker	Tech4Learning	http://tech4learning.com/	Create HTML storybooks including controllers, page backgrounds, recorded sounds, and text-to-speech. Uses XML format allowing for file use between Mac and Windows.
Wikispaces	<i>Web Tool</i>	http://wikispaces.com/	A free wiki tool that allows users to create their own web presence in order to publish and collaborate on writing.
WIKIPages	<i>Web Tool</i>	http://wikipages.com	A free wiki tool that allows users to create their own web presence in order to publish and collaborate on writing.

Notes:

No Tech / Low Tech	Possible Technology Tools

Common Technology for Writing Categories

Graphic Organizers/Outlining Tools

Product Name	Manufacturer	Website	Description
Draft:Builder	Don Johnston Incorporated	www.donjohnston.com	Provides a visual structure and auditory feedback for students to step through creating a first draft: organizing ideas, taking notes and writing a first draft Allows students to generate, manipulate and connect ideas and information throughout each stage of the writing process.
Kidspiration	Inspiration Software, Inc.	www.inspiration.com	Intended for students kindergarten – grade 5. Provides students visual and auditory feedback to brainstorm ideas with pictures and words, organize and categorize information, create stories and descriptions and create webs and visual maps of ideas.
Inspiration	Inspiration Software, Inc.	www.inspiration.com	Intended for students grade 6 through adult. Provides an integrated diagramming and outlining environment for students to brainstorm, web, diagram, plan, map, organize and outline ideas for expression.
Microsoft Word	Microsoft Corporation	www.microsoft.com	Using the drawing toolbar, diagrams can be built with drawing objects, flowchart objects, shapes and/or arrow objects. Standard spell checking features within Microsoft Word can also be used with text added to objects from the drawing toolbar. Forms templates can also be created to step through outlines or web diagrams.

Multimedia Tools

Product Name	Manufacturer	Website	Description
BuildAbility	Attainment Company	www.attainmentcompany.com	Provides a user friendly format for creating simple point & click pages. Offers sample activities, tutorials, and research documentation of vendor website.
Clicker 5	Crick Software	www.cricksoft.com	Provides a user-friendly format for creating simple point & click pages and large graphic file. Incorporates accessibility features such as scanning for switch access. Sample pre-made grids available to download http://www.learninggrids.com/us/ Vendor will provide a free 30-day trial CD.
Hyperstudio	Hyperstudio	www.hyperstudio.com	Incorporates all multi-media options and has built in accessibility features such as scanning buttons for switch access users Offers a free player download to play presentations on any computer
Imagination Express	Edmark	www.riverdeep.com	Provides various titles range in grade levels from K – grade 8 Encourages students to create their own stories within the program with multi-media tools

Intellipics Studio	Cambium Learning	www.IntelliTools.com	Provides a user-friendly and student friendly format for creating multi-media interactive slideshows Offers a free player download to utilize creations on any computer as well as sample activities and tutorials
Kid Pix	Riverdeep	www.riverdeep.com	Student friendly – multi-media authoring tool for students to create their own presentations
MP Express	Bytes of Learning	www.bytesoflearning.com	Provides a user-friendly format for creating multi-media interactive slideshows Has several built-in templates, graphics specifically for education to create cross platform presentations
My Own Bookshelf	SoftTouch, Inc.	www.softtouch.com	Is an easy to use electronic book-building program with universal access for students who cannot hold a book. Organizes books on bookshelves.
PowerPoint	Microsoft Corporation	www.microsoft.com http://office.microsoft.com/assistance/preview.aspx?AssetID=HP030784121033&CTT=98 http://www22.brinkster.com/jimluther/access.htm	Incorporates all multi-media options and is a common tool in many schools and homes PowerPoint viewer. This free player allows the user to view created presentations on any computer Switch access template
Storybook Weaver Deluxe 2004	Riverdeep	www.riverdeep.com	Facilitates students to author and illustrate their own multimedia story with an easy-to-use word processor and variety of graphic tools Provides story ideas ranging from fantasy adventures to personal events to historical fiction, and an extensive array of multicultural images from around the world Offers students can word processing and text-to-speech features in either English or Spanish
Storybook Maker	Tech4Learning	http://tech4learning.com/	Create HTML storybooks including controllers, page backgrounds, recorded sounds, and text-to-speech Uses XML format allowing for file use between Mac and Windows

Picture Word Processors

Product Name	Manufacturer	Website	Description
Clicker 5	Crick Software	www.cricksoft.com	Provides a user-friendly format for creating simple point & click pages and large graphic file. Incorporates accessibility features such as scanning for switch access. Sample pre-made grids available to download http://www.learninggrids.com/us/ Vendor will provide a free 30-day trial CD.
Communicate: In Print	Widgit Software Ltd.	www.mayerjohnson.com	Creates inclusive classroom materials with illustrations, photos and symbol-supported text is easy with this intuitive program. Combines flexible desktop publishing tools designed specifically for the classroom with a powerful library of Widgit Literacy Symbols.

Communicate: By Choice	Widgit Software Ltd.	www.mayerjohnson.com	Adaptable early learning activities for students! With over 100 multiple choice and Q&A activities, Communicate: By Choice provides a fun and motivating learning experience.
Picture It	Slater Software, Inc	www.slatersoftware.com	Compose documents up to 500 words. Includes 6000 graphic both color and black& white. Import graphics and customize visual and auditory feedback.
PixWriter	Slater Software, Inc	www.slatersoftware.com	Utilizes a Picture based on-screen keyboard. Incorporates 1800 picture symbols.
Writing With Symbols 2000	Widgit Software Ltd.	www.mayerjohnson.com	Provides 3800 picture symbols, 4000 rebus symbols and you can import your own graphics. Offers visual & auditory feedback and can be used with pictures or without as a talking word processor.

Portable Word Processors

Product Name	Manufacturer	Website	Description
AlphaSmart/Neo	AlphaSmart, Inc.	www.alphasmart.com	Compatible with both Mac and PC platforms and durable. Requires additional software be loaded to upload to a computer. Offer optional features for word prediction, typing tutorial and infrared connection.
Dana	AlphaSmart, Inc.	www.alphasmart.com	Incorporates the Palm OS platform within a portable word processor. Enter text with stylus, keyboard, touch screen.
PC-6	Perfect Solutions	www.perfectsolutions.com	Compatible with PC platform. Includes typing tutorial using Herzog's abc progression, spreadsheet options, calculator. Offers optional features for word prediction and text-to-speech and infrared connection.
Quick Pad	Quick Pad Technology Corporation	www.quickpad.com	Offers Infrared connection to PC or MAC with no additional software. Includes typing tutorial and spell checker.
The Writer	Advanced Keyboard Technologies, Inc.	www.writerlearning.com	Compatible with both Mac and PC platforms. From the Work Folder Filing System, to a new Auto-Thesaurus, to the Good Writing Checklists; The Writer with WriterExpress is designed specifically by teachers to help students organize their work, expand their vocabulary, develop revision skills and express themselves more clearly and accurately.
The Writer Fusion	Advanced Keyboard Technologies	www.keyboardinstructor.com	Portable word processor that enables students to work on writing in any location. Files are organized through the Work Folder Filing System. This device is also equipped with text to speech to provide auditory support throughout the writing process.

Scan and Read Systems

Product Name	Manufacturer	Website	Description
ClaroRead Plus	Claro Software	www.clarosoftware.com	This software application reads back text as it is typed. Text can also be highlighted and read back for editing/proofreading. The Plus version of the software can provide support for scanned documents and PDF documents. The Plus version also will echo back words or phrases dictated using Dragon NaturallySpeaking version 8 or 9.
Kurzweil 3000	Cambium Learning	www.kurzweiledu.com	Reads word & pdf documents and documents scanned into the computer Offers customizable visual and auditory feedback. Break words into syllables, spell words aloud, looks up the definition of a word. Provides a built in Internet browser to read web pages aloud, and complete web searches.
Scan and Read Pro	Premier Assistive Technology	www.readingmadez.com	Supports 12 different languages. Provides customizable visual and auditory feedback, spell checker/dictionary/thesaurus. Reads what is presented on the computer screen, including scanned documents, prepared documents, and web pages.
Read&Write 8.1 GOLD	TextHelp Systems	www.texthelp.com	This software provides a customizable toolbar that provides added functions to Microsoft Word. This includes voice output, word prediction, talking dictionary, spelling/homophone checker, and the ability to create MP3 audio files of materials.
TestTalker	Freedom Scientific	www.freedomscientific.com/LSG	Is a test scanning tool which reads test questions aloud and allows students to input responses.
WYNN	Freedom Scientific	www.freedomscientific.com/LSG	Suite of built-in tools supporting reading, writing, studying, and Internet research, all with customized auditory and visual modifications. Import curriculum to be read; Web browsing with text extraction; listen to links aloud without activating; writing and study tools include dictionary, two spell checkers, word prediction, note-taking, voice notes, bookmarks, and study guide extraction. Easy to learn with simplified interface.

Talking Word Processors

Product Name	Manufacturer	Website	Description
IntelliTalk 3	Cambium Learning	www.IntelliTools.com	Offers customizable visual and auditory feedback and a free player download to utilize created activities on any computer.
ReadPlease and ReadPlease Plus	ReadPlease Corporation	www.readplease.com	There is a free download version and an inexpensive plus version. The free download version has a limit to the document size it can read.
Write:OutLoud SE	Don Johnston, Inc	www.donjohnston.com	Offers customizable visual and auditory feedback and spell checker/dictionary.

Word Prediction

Product Name	Manufacturer	Website	Description
Aurora 3.0	Aurora Systems, Inc.	www.aurora-systems.com	Incorporates a 100,000 plus word vocabulary, grammatical rules, customizable spell checking, spelling auto correction, phonetic spelling, speech output on any sound card, and spoken feedback while you type. Has the ability to read buttons and menus on the screen, keyboard and mouse controls.
Co:Writer SE	Don Johnston Incorporated	www.donjohnston.com	Provides grammar, and vocabulary support capabilities to any word processor or e-mail program. Incorporates topic dictionaries for curriculum specific vocabulary. Offers Flex Spell to translate phonetic spelling and grammar support.
SoothSayer Word Prediction	Applied Human Factors	www.ahf-net.com	Offers word prediction, speech feedback, abbreviation expansion and word completion.
Read&Write Gold Read&Write 8, Read&Write Gold MAC	TextHelp Systems	www.texthelp.com	Provides advanced phonetic spell check, screen reading, word prediction, abbreviations, and homonym support. Reads Web pages and e-mail aloud and integrates seamlessly with all Windows programs.
Word Q	Quillsoft. Ltd.	www.wordq.com	Intended to be used along with standard Windows word processing software. Offers advanced word prediction and text-to-speech feedback.
WordSmith Version 3	TextHelp Systems	www.texthelp.com	Provides easy installation into Word 2000. Incorporates scanning into Internet Explorer or Microsoft Word 97/2000/XP, advanced phonetic spell checker, a pronunciation tutor with syllabification, word prediction and a 180,000-word thesaurus.

Notes:

Graphic Organizers	Multimedia Tools	Picture Word Processors
Talking Word Processors	Word Prediction	

Assistive Technology Tutorials:

- Assistive Technology Training Online Project, University at Buffalo, Center for Assistive Technology, 515 Kimball Tower, Buffalo, New York 14214, 716.829.3141 <http://atto.buffalo.edu>
- Valdosta State University, Teacher Resource Bank, developed in collaboration with Georgia Project for Assistive Technology (GPAT) <http://www.teacherresourcebank.com> \
- Special Education Technology – British Columbia: SET-BC Learning Centre www.setbc.org

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- Education World Lesson Planning: Kids can W.R.I.T.E. – Activities for every grade - http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson/lesson126.shtml
- Guide to Grammar and Writing - <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/>
- National Center for Technology Innovation – <http://www.nationaltechcenter.org>
- National Writing Project – “30 Ideas for Teaching Writing” - <http://www.writingproject.org/cs/nwpp/print/nwpr/922>
- Poynteronline – Roy Peter Clark’s Fifty Writing Tools Quick List (includes podcasts of the first 25 tips!) - <http://www.poynter.org/column.asp?id=78&aid=103943>
- Region 4 Education Service Center, Reading and Language Arts Products and Services, <http://www.esc4.net/resources>
- Resources for Writers and Writing Instructors - <http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~jlynch/Writing/links.html>
- SEAT Center – <http://www.seat.ilstu.org>
- Teaching Expressive Writing to Students with Learning Disabilities - <http://www.nclld.org/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=520>
- The Writing Site - <http://www.thewritingsite.org>
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