

Area Toolkit: Mac Laptop Guide

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About Read&Write 4 GOLD for Mac

Read&Write 4 GOLD for Mac is a comprehensive, research-based literacy support software solution designed to support a wide range of learning abilities. Read&Write GOLD:

- Provides read aloud with dual synchronous highlighting; this improves retention, comprehension, and recall.
- Allows access to any curriculum and the tools students need to develop their reading and writing skills.
- Includes tools to support students while Research, Writing & Studying.
- Provides opportunities for Independence and Inclusion
- Integrates with Mainstream Applications, including Microsoft Office, Web and PDF files.

Documentation & Support

Texthelp Read&Write Gold fo Mac web site: http://www.texthelp.com/page.asp?pg_id=10066

1. Guides & Manuals

Access training manuals and product documentation:

http://www.texthelp.com/page.asp?pg_id=10189

- Quick Reference Card
- Quick Start Guide
- Manual
- Training Guide
- Resource Tools Flyer

2. Video Tours

- Learn how to use the Tools in Read&Write Gold fo Mac for Windows:

Link to Videos: http://www.texthelp.com/page.asp?pg_id=10297

- Watch how students and teachers are using Read&Write Gold

Link to Videos: http://www.texthelp.com/page.asp?pg_id=10205

Read&Write 4 GOLD: Summary of Tools and New Features



Speech

Reads text aloud, including websites and PDF Files, with dual highlighting.



Phonetic Spell Checker

Analyzes and corrects students' spelling and returns suggestions for common spelling errors.



PDFaloud

Dynamically speech enables any accessible Adobe Acrobat PD file with dual highlighting.



NEW! Screen Masking:

Users can tint the screen using colors, like an overlay.



NEW! Screenshot Reader

Users can access text that was previously unreadable - including text embedded within an image or contained within inaccessible.



Talking Dictionary

Quick access to a dictionary is essential to expanding vocabulary and reading comprehension. This dictionary speaks both the words and the definitions.

NEW! Users also have access to an online dictionary to provide even more definitions.



Word Prediction

An intelligent tool that learns the writer's style and can predict the word they are typing as well as the word they want to use next. It increases accuracy while reducing key strokes.



Homophones

The Homophone Checker identifies "like sounding" words (e.g., "there" and "their") that may cause confusion for those who struggle with reading and writing. The homophones are color coded and alternate choices are displayed along with definitions and sample sentences.



Word Study Skills

Facilitate active reading, writing, and learning. Study Skills tools are used to facilitate active reading, writing, and learning. Students can highlight and extract text from any Microsoft Word document different color highlights.

NEW! Study Skills highlights made in Safari can now be collected and placed into a Microsoft Word document.



Fact Mapper

Allows users to graphically organize information / images on screen. Students can write text directly on the mapped elements, add sticky notes to the map, and export the elements into an outline.



Fact Finder

Students can search for and retrieve online information in one easy step.



Text Transfer

Users can automatically transfer text from any Mac application to Read&Write GOLD for Mac and vice versa. They can hear the text read aloud with dual color highlighting support or edit the text. Text can then be returned to the original document with a click of a button.

Read&Write 4 GOLD: Summary of Tools and New Features



Scanning

Use the scanning feature to convert paper-based documents to MS Word, PDF, or HTML.

NEW! Users can now scan directly from a PDF file into Word, HTML, PDF, or Read&Write GOLD.



Speech Maker

Allows users to quickly and easily select any text and convert it into a sound file, such as MP3 or AIFF.



Translator

Translate words from English to Spanish, French, German, or Italian. Translated words can then be spoken aloud.



Talking Calculator

Click the Calculator icon to access the speech-enabled the Apple Mac Calculator.



Safari Reader

RWG reads aloud the web content with dual synchronized highlighting which is particularly valuable to users with literacy difficulties seeking online information.



Preferences

Change options to customize how RWG works for you.



About Dragon Dictate for Mac

Speech recognition software transcribes speech into text style documents. Users can dictate into programs such as Microsoft Outlook and Microsoft Word by using a microphone.

Speech recognition technology can accommodate a diverse group of students-who for a variety of reasons have difficulty writing. The software allows students with physical disabilities that prevent them from keyboarding as well as those with learning disabilities to compose sentences and edit their work.

Documentation and Support

Visit the Calgary Board of Education Dragon page. On this page you will find a variety of resources to help you get started Dragon Dictate for Mac.

<http://www.nuance.com/dragon/gettingstartedwith11/default.asp?c=CBE>

Click on the following links under Additional Supports for Mac support:

- Creating a profile
- Using Dragon Dictate
- Voice commands
- Mouse grid commands



About WordQ For Mac

WordQ combines two technologies: word prediction and speech feedback - also known as Text-to-Speech. WordQ grows as you do by learning what words you use and building a personalized word prediction list. This program can read aloud any text you can highlight, including websites, emails and instant messaging.

Word Q is available in English, French & German.

* Note: SpeakQ is not available for the Mac platform.

Documentation & Support

Visit goQ's web site: <http://www.goqsoftware.com/writing-products/wordq/>

1. Guides & Manuals

Visit the link below to access manuals and product documentation:

- WordQ user guide for Mac
<http://www.goqsoftware.com/learning-center/resources/user-manuals/>
- Quick start guide for Mac
<http://www.goqsoftware.com/learning-center/resources/quick-start-guides/>

2. Video Tours

- WordQ video tutorials
<http://www.goqsoftware.com/learning-center/video-tutorials/wordq-video-tutorials/wordq-video-tutorials/>
- User videos
<http://www.goqsoftware.com/learning-center/video-tutorials/user-videos/user-videos/>

3. Research

Review the research that has been done or is being done in the areas of language, communication, writing and learning differences.

<http://www.goqsoftware.com/learning-center/research/>



About Comic Life

Comics have some great uses in the classroom and in a variety of curricula. From pre-readers to high school students, from English to ESL to Science and Math, comics can help students analyze, synthesize and absorb content that may be more difficult when presented in only one way.

Use Comic Life to help break down complex ideas and to create noteworthy projects. Here are just a few assignment ideas that lend themselves to the use of Comic Life:

- Timelines (history, events, sequences)
- Historical figures (history of, life of)
- Instructions (step by step, details, illustrations, easy to follow)
- Dialogue punctuation
- Character analysis
- Plot analysis
- Storytelling
- Brochures
- Trading Cards
- Newsletters
- Pre-Writing Tool
- Post-Reading Tool

Documentation & Support

Visit Plasq's web site: <http://plasq.com/products/comiclife/macGuides & Manuals>

1. Guides & Manuals

Visit the links below to access manuals and product documentation:

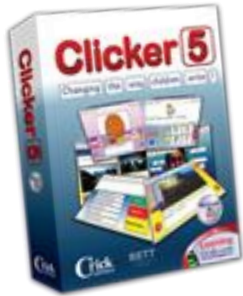
- Download the Comic Life Manual from Plasq's web site: http://plasq.com/helpfiles/Comic_Life_manual.pdf
- Tips and Tricks: <http://plasq.com/support/mac#comiclife>

- See what others are doing with Comic Life, visit the Gallery <http://plasq.com/products/comiclife/gallery>
- Comic Life in Education <http://comiclife.com/education>

2. Video Tours

Videos to help you get started.

- Comic Life basics: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CyW_Ji2DUgA
- Introduction to Comic Life:
http://teachertube.com/viewVideo.php?video_id=168007
http://teachertube.com/viewVideo.php?video_id=181687



About Clicker 5

Clicker 5 is a writing tool designed to motivate and support children as they learn to read and write. The program combines a talking word processor with multimedia authoring tools.

Clicker 5 allows students or teachers to create activities in any subject area. The open ended writing tool allows students to write with as much or as little help as they need, and to write with new words as they are first acquiring them verbally.

Available in French and Spanish.

Documentation & Support

To learn more visit the Clicker web site:

<http://www.cricksoft.com/us/products/tools/clicker/home.aspx>

1. Guides & Manuals

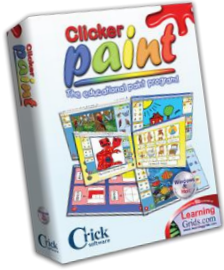
- Clicker in the Curriculum
- The Clicker 5 Guide
- Clicker & Special Needs
- Books for Clicker



2. Video Tours

Videos to help you get started:

- Clicker 5 basics: <http://www.cricksoft.com/video/us/clicker/index.htm>



About Clicker Paint

Clicker Paint is the essential partner to Clicker 5. The two programs integrate fully, adding a further dimension to Clicker talking books and opening up an extensive range of additional language and literacy activities.

Once you install Clicker Paint, painting features are automatically added to your Clicker 5 installation, offering a whole new range of learning opportunities for learners of all abilities.

Documentation & Support

To learn more visit the Clicker Paint web site

<http://www.cricksoft.com/us/products/tools/clickerpaint/default.aspx>

1. Guides & Manuals

<http://www.cricksoft.com/us/products/tools/clickerpaint/guide/guide1.aspx>



About Audacity

Audacity is an easy-to-use audio production and mixing program which enables students to record, import, edit, and add effects to sound files.

Audacity can be used for audio production or for integrating sound files into movies, animations or PowerPoint presentations. Features include the ability to save an audio creation into the required file format including .WAV, .MP3 and .AIFF.

Here are just a few assignment ideas to using Audacity in the classroom.

- Make an audio/radio advertisement
- Promote Language Learning: Record kids speaking in one of their language classes then upload to Voki to create speaking Avatars.
- Create of book reviews, poetry readings, reports.
- Record speeches to provide evidence of learning.
- Promote reading development by recording kids reading books.
- Create sound stories for images using free sound effects websites.

Documentation and Support

1. Guides & Manuals

- Online quick reference guide: <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/onlinehelp-1.2/contents.htm>
- Complete manual: <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/manual-1.2/>
- Tutorials: <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/manual-1.2/tutorials.html>
- Audacity Wiki: http://wiki.audacityteam.org/wiki/Audacity_Wiki_Home_Page

2. Video Tours :

- Videos for both new and experienced users of audacity.

<http://www.audacitysupport.com/Tutorials/Amplify%20your%20tracks.html>