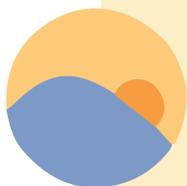




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Working on a computer for a long time can be a difficult thing to adapt to, especially when you are used to learning in a different way. These are some helpful programmes, features and websites that you can use to help with the transition.

**Remember to check with your parent/carer before downloading any new software to your device.**



## FLUX

Flux is a free application that you can get on Windows, Apple devices, and on Android devices. Flux makes the colour of your computer's display change according to the time of day that you are using your computer. It removes the blue light that your computer, tablet or phone uses in the screen, reducing headaches and strain on your eyes whilst also helping you to get to sleep easily when you have stopped working.

[Click here to view application](#)

## COLORVEIL

Colorveil is available on Windows devices and is useful if you find using an overlay effective. The application adds a customisable colour filter over your desktop, internet browser, document or program. You can easily turn it off too.

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This is an example of the Open Dyslexic Typeface

## OPEN DYSLEXIC

OpenDyslexic is a free font that you can download on Windows, Apple devices, and on Android devices. It increases readability for readers with dyslexia as the letters have a unique shape with a bold bottom. You can quickly figure out which part of the letter is down, helping you to recognise the correct letter and helping to keep your brain from rotating them around.

[Click here to view application](#)

## NATURAL READERS

Natural Readers is a professional text to speech programme that changes any written text into spoken words. It also highlights the words as it reads. You simply need to upload the document or PowerPoint, or alternatively copy and paste the text into the box and click "Play" in the top left-hand corner. You can also change the voice to one which best suits you.

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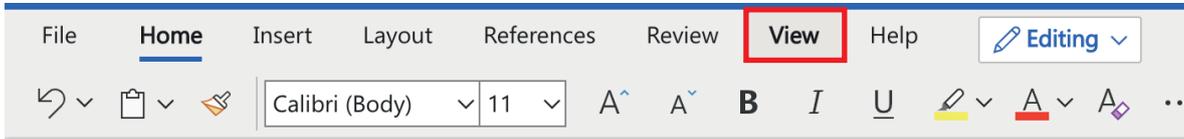


## IMMERSIVE READER VIEW ON MICROSOFT WORD

If your teachers are giving you work using Microsoft Word, you can use the Immersive Reader to help you follow the work with fewer distractions. Follow the steps on the next page to access this on the web-browser of Microsoft Word.

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1. Click on "View" on the tool bar.

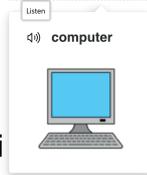


2. Click on Immersive Reader.



3. You can scroll through the work on the document. You can also click on words to have them read out by the voice over.

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Text Preferences

You can edit your preferences by selecting the "Text Preferences" button in the top right-hand corner. The allows you to change the font, background colour and the size of the font.

You can select "Grammar Options" to turn on syllable breaks and labels for word classes (e.g. adjective).



Grammar Options



Reading Preferences

You can select "Reading Preferences" and change how many lines of text shows up when you are reading so that you can focus on one part of the text.

Clicking on the arrow will expand your window to full screen so that you can focus even further.



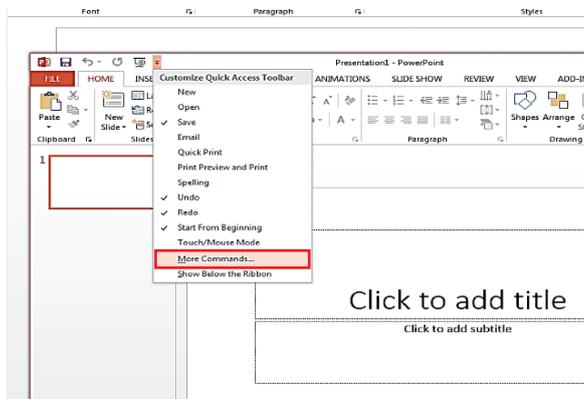
Enter Full Screen Mode

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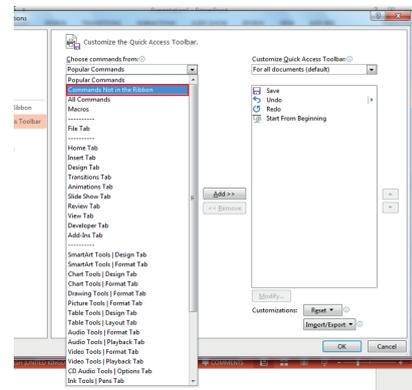


## HOW TO USE 'SPEAK' ON POWERPOINTS (similar to Immersive Reader)

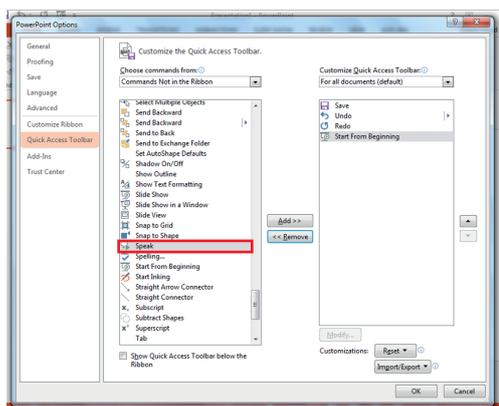
1. Download the PowerPoint.
2. Click on the drop-down symbol in your Quick Access Toolbar  
(The blue one at the very top)
3. Click/ select "More Commands" function.



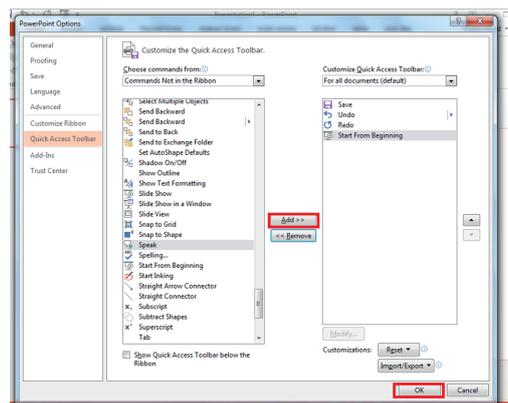
4. Select "Commands Not in the Ribbon".



5. Scroll down and select "Speak" icon as seen in the picture below.



6. Select "Add >>" and then "OK".



7. The speak selected text symbol should now appear in the quick access bar.
8. Select the text you require to be read for you, by highlighting it.
9. Click the speak selected text symbol and it will read for you.



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## HOW TO USE 'DICTATE' TO TYPE FOR YOU



**Did you know you can type in Word without using your hands?**

I typed this using my voice and the Dictate button (up above)!

All I did was add in the images, alter fonts and number the instructions, afterwards.

1. In your home bar, look far right and click on the "Dictate" tab.



2. Click on the drop down and Select English (United Kingdom) and then click the "Dictate" tab (The blue part of the symbol) wait for the symbol to go white the red dot to appear. When it does you may start speaking. You will find that what you speak is being typed for you.

3. You can say basic punctuation commands and it will add these in for you too.

4. When you have finished or want to stop text to speech - just click the "Dictate" tab until the red record button disappears. To continue, just press the "Dictate" tab again.

