# **Specialist Software for Online Exams**

Some students who would usually use a support worker in exams, will need to use alternative specialist software to replace this support for exams during Covid-19. There are many options available which are free or may have been funded through Disabled Students Allowance(DSA) for relevant students. Below are some options.

## **Text to Speech Software**

**Claro Read**

DSA funded software. If you have this software available but need training to use it, there are useful training documents available on their website, including a ‘quick start guide’: <https://www.clarosoftware.com/help/claroread-for-pc-help-files-and-user-guides/>

**Text Help**

DSA funded software. This may be recommended as an alternative to Claro Read above. If you need to access training on this software, please look at their website: <https://www.texthelp.com/en-gb/support/training/getting-started/>

**Natural Readers**

Free text to speech online. Add documents, copy and paste or type in text to the box and you can hear it read back to you. Although there is a premium version of this site, there are free voices which give unlimited usage. The sentence will change colour as it is being read aloud so that you can keep track of your place in the text.

<https://www.naturalreaders.com/online/>

**Read Aloud in Microsoft Word**

This function is available in the Office 365 version of Microsoft Word, available free to all students on the Microsoft website. If you already have Word on your laptop, this is very straight forward option to use.

## **Speech to Text Software**

**Dragon Naturally Speaking**

DSA funded software. If you have access to this through DSA but need training, please see the following website: <https://www.nuance.com/dragon/user-documentation.html#!tab1>

**Speechnotes**

Speech to text online. This site works very accurately from the internal microphone within a PC/laptop or you can use a headset with microphone. Simply click on the mic button and start dictating. Your spoken words will be automatically converted into text.

<https://speechnotes.co/>

**Dictate in Microsoft Word**

This function is available in the Office 365 version of Microsoft Word, available free to all students on the Microsoft website. If you already have Word on your laptop, this is very straight forward option to use.

## **Software Training**

The University has acquired a software training package called i-View Learning. This training portal allows you access to videos and guidance on all kinds of software including the DSA funded software mentioned above and Microsoft Word.

To access this, you need to create an account at the following website: <https://worcester.iviewlearning.co.uk>

Once you done this, you will receive an email with your log in details so you can access the training portal.