A Comparison of Reading Support Software

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**Software covered in today’s presentation:**

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| **Name** | **Website** | **Platform** | **Price** | **Notes** |
| Kurzweil 3000 | [www.kurzweiledu.com](http://www.kurzweiledu.com) | Win/Mac | $1395 |  |
| Premier Literacy Productivity Pack | [www.readingmadeez.com](http://www.readingmadeez.com) | Win/Mac | $249.95 | includes Premier Launch Pad, Worksheet Wizard, Write Now, Scan and Read Pro, Talking Word Processor, PDF Equalizer, Text-to-Audio, E-Text Reader, Universal Reader Plus, English Talking Dictionary, Talking Calculator |
| Read & Write Gold | [www.texthelp.com](http://www.texthelp.com) | Win/Mac | $295 w/IEP $645 single |  |
| SOLO | [www.donjohnston.com](http://www.donjohnston.com) | Win/Mac | $773 | Includes Write:Outloud, Co:Writer, Read:Outloud, Draft:Builder |
| WYNN | [www.freedomscientific.com](http://www.freedomscientific.com) | Win | $995 wizard$375 Reader |  |
| Natural Reader | [www.naturalreaders.com](http://www.naturalreaders.com) | Win/Mac | Free |  |
| WordTalk | www.wordtalk.co.uk | Win | Free |  |

**Text-to-Speech/Reading Support**

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| **Tool** | **Features** |
|  | **Choice of High Quality Voices** | **Modify text interface\*** | **Ability to control rate** | **Dictionary**Built-In - BWeb-based-WRecursive-R | **Highlight and extract key information** | **Ability to Insert/Create/Modify Scaffold for reading** | **Can read files directly from Bookshare.org****(NIMAS - .opf or .xml)** | **Can OCR documents**  | **Consistent format for Internet and other Reading** | **Converts to MP3** | **Language Translator** |
| **Kurzweil** | X | X | X | XB - expansiveR | X |  | X | X |  | X |  |
| **Premier Literacy Productivity Pack (Reading Made EZ)** | X | Xby letter, word, line | X | XB | X |  |  | X |  |  | X |
| **Read & Write Gold** | X | X | X | XW& picture | X |  | X | X |  |  |  |
| **Read Outloud****(SOLO v6)** | X | X | X | XW | X | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| **WYNN** | X\* | X | X | XB | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |
| **Natural Reader** | may use other voices on your computer |  | X |  |  |  | X |  | X |  |  |
| **WordTalk**Material must be in MS Word |  may use other voices on your computer | X | X |  |  |  |  |  | N/A | X |  |