Read&Write
For English Language Learners

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Read&Write Gold provides support for language acquisition and critical literacy skill attainment. English Language Learners needs vary greatly – from those being introduced to English for the first time to those who are proficient in conversational English, but require additional support because of the complexity of the English language. What all English Language Learners do need is technology which supports their learning, the ability to work independently in a self-paced environment, and the opportunity to be active and engaged learners. R**ead&Write Gold meets those needs** by providing literacy support tools on a discrete customizable toolbar that integrates directly with common applications including Word, Google Docs, Pages, IE, Chrome, Firefox, Safari, and Adobe.

Tool	How it Supports English Language Learners	Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing
Text-to-Speech	Having digital text read aloud as it is being highlighted helps with comprehension and understanding, especially for those students who are struggling to learn a new language.	✔	✔	✔	✔
Talking Dictionary	Basic, advanced, and online talking dictionaries are available to ensure that students understand the meaning for a specified word, expand their vocabulary, and improve reading comprehension.	✔	✔	✔	✔
Picture Dictionary	Images are provided to reinforce the meaning of a selected word. Allows students to make word associations and increase their knowledge of the English language.	✔	✔	✔	✔
Speech Maker	Words, phrases, reading passages, and even homework can be saved as an MP3 file so students can listen to the text as well as orally repeat the passage to improve their auditory comprehension and fluency.	✔	✔		
Pronunciation Tutor	This on-screen tutor helps students "see" how words are spoken and breaks down words by syllables to aid in pronunciation.	✔	✔		
Translator	Students can translate single words, paragraphs, or blocks of text. Any digital content including on-screen selections, website content, or digital textbooks can be translated and read aloud.	✔	✔	✔	✔
Phonetic Spell Checker	Identifies spelling errors, including phonetic and flexible spelling, and displays a list of correctly spelled words and definitions which can be read aloud to help students make the correction.	✔	✔	✔	✔
Word Prediction	Completes the word being typed and suggests next words, enabling students to write without struggling to make correct word choice. Topic-specific word banks are also included with Word Prediction.	✔	✔		✔
Sounds Like and Confusable Words Checker	Homophones or words that are easily confused are identified and alternatives with audible definitions and sample sentences are given to ensure that students use the correct word while writing.				✔
Verb Checker	Past, present, and future tense verb conjugations are displayed for a selected verb. Options are read aloud and the correct verb can be copied into the document. Makes choosing the correct verb an easy one.			✔	✔
Speak as I Type	Students can have each word read aloud as they type or have an entire document read aloud when finished. As they listen, they can self-edit and correct their work before submitting it.	✔	✔		✔
Fact Folder	When conducting research, facts and images from web searches can be collected, organized, and stored, making it easier to prepare an assignment while increasing knowledge.			✔	✔
Fact Mapper	The graphic organizer takes basic concepts and structures them visually – organizing elements with sticky notes and imagery helps deepen understanding and can be used as the basis for writing assignments.				✔
Study Skills Tools	Students can use different color highlighters to indicate areas needing clarification, points of importance, or expressions not understood. Highlights can also be extracted and saved to a word document.			✔	✔
Vocabulary List Builder	Highlight or input words to automatically create a vocabulary list that includes the words, text definitions, and images to help expand the student's vocabulary and knowledge base.			✔	✔
Voice Note	Students who are learning to read and write in English, but can speak the language, can create Voice Notes to answer questions or make notes. Teachers can also use it to provide instructions or make comments.	✔	✔		

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