



# Google Chrome Supports For Reading

Access to Print Materials through Extensions, Apps & Add-ons



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| <i>Our Favorite Reading Apps &amp; Extensions to Support Students</i>               |                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Extension & App                                                                     |                                                                             | DESCRIPTION OF FEATURES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|    | <a href="#"><u>Read &amp; Write for Google</u></a><br>(Subscription & Free) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free accessibility toolbar for Google Docs</li> <li>• Text-to-speech with dual color highlighting</li> <li>• Talking Dictionary</li> <li>• Picture dictionary</li> <li>• Vocabulary tool</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                |
|  | <a href="#"><u>SpeakIt!</u></a><br>(Free)                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Text-to-speech for reading web content in Google Chrome</li> <li>• Select text, click icon, listen; or right-click selected text and choose Speakit!</li> <li>• Convenient 'pause' or 'repeat' button when activated by icon</li> <li>• Built in high quality female voice</li> <li>• Speech rate is adjustable, and can be quite slow.</li> </ul> |
|  | <a href="#"><u>Select and Speak</u></a><br>(Free)                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Text-to-speech for reading web content in Google Chrome</li> <li>• Select text, click icon, listen; or right-click selected text and choose Speak and Select</li> <li>• Customizable keyboard shortcut available (default: ctrl + shift + s)</li> <li>• Built in high quality voice options</li> <li>• Slowest speech rate is quite fas</li> </ul> |
|  | <a href="#"><u>SnapVerter</u></a><br>(Subscription & Free)                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• converts inaccessible PDF documents into accessible (readable) PDF files</li> <li>• works within your Google Drive account (the app generates folders to drop new files, access converted files)</li> <li>• Once converted, PDFs or images can be read via text-to-speech extension</li> </ul>                                                     |
|  | <a href="#"><u>Readability</u></a><br>(Free)                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove clutter from websites (ads and distracting graphics)</li> <li>• Set margins, select style and adjust font size</li> <li>• Can be activated by keyboard shortcut set by user</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                      |

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|   | <p><b><u>Snap&amp;Read Universal</u></b><br/>(Subscription)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides text-to-speech on websites, email and docs and PDFs.</li> <li>• Screenshot reader-can highlight specific portions of a document or website to be read</li> <li>• Word highlighting</li> <li>• Adjustable reading rate</li> <li>• Can adjust text complexity with docs, websites and PDFs</li> <li>• Works in flash websites</li> </ul> |
|   | <p><b><u>Bookshare Web Reader</u></b><br/>(Free)</p>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to Bookshare books</li> <li>• Text to speech with installed voice</li> <li>• Word highlighting</li> <li>• Ability to adjust font size, background color and display format and margins</li> <li>• Can adjust reading rate</li> <li>• Use the Table of Contents to navigate to the desired chapter, etc.</li> </ul>                       |
|   | <p><b><u>Chrome Speak</u></b><br/>(Free)</p>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• select text then activate reading feature via contextual menu read the selected text”</li> <li>• can control rate</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|  | <p><b><u>TLDR</u></b><br/>(Free)</p>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides real time summaries of news articles or web pages</li> <li>• Can choose short, medium or long</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

**EXTRAS:**

**Chrome Sign In:**

You need to be signed in to Chrome to sync your extensions and apps. Once signed in, your Chrome tools will be available to you regardless of the computer you are using.

To sign in to Chrome:

1. Click on the wrench at the top right of your browser and select "Sign in to Chrome" from the menu.
2. Use your Google account credentials to sign in (e.g.: [username@gmail.com](mailto:username@gmail.com))
3. That's it! Happy browsing!

**Bookshare and Google Chrome**

*Bookshare Web Reader (Individual Bookshare Membership required for access)*

Bookshare Web Reader lets you read Bookshare books directly from within your Internet browser. Simply find the book you want to read and select "Read Now" on any computer with an Internet connection and supported Internet browser.

1. Open Google Chrome and log on to [www.bookshare.org](http://www.bookshare.org)
2. Find your book
3. Select “Read Now”
4. Follow prompts to install the Chrome Extension
5. Your book will open, and you can begin reading!