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TECH Tips - 3 Tech Tips for a PC

1 – How to Access “Ease of Access”

The Ease of Access Center provides a convenient, centralized place to locate accessibility settings and programs to make your computer easier to use.

- Use the computer without a display
- Make the computer easier to see
- Use the computer without a mouse or keyboard
- Make the mouse easier to use
- Make the keyboard easier to use
- Use text or visual alternatives for sounds
- Make it easier to focus on tasks

To navigate to the Ease of Access Center

- Click the “Windows” key + U

or

- Click the “Start” button and select “Control Panel”
- Click the “Ease of Access” link

or

- Click the “Start” button and select “All Programs
- Click the “Accessories” folder
- Click the “Ease of Access folder
- Click the “Ease of Access” link

2 - Using Ease of Access

On Screen Keyboard with word prediction

Why:

Fine motor difficulties and using a keyboard is just too labor intensive

Access word prediction

Student needs good mouse skills

Keeps head up and looking at the screen

Makes the mouse easier to use

Change the size of the pointer – Try using Large, Inverting. So now the pointer is a different color depending on the color of the page.

Click “Mouse setting”

Buttons – switch the primary button, change double click speed, turn on click lock

Pointers – change pointer

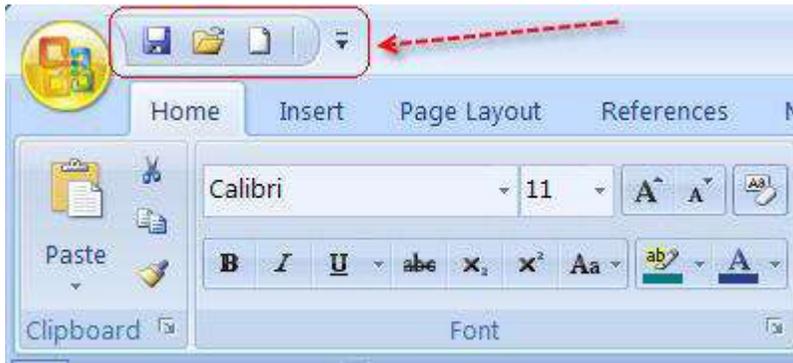
Pointer Options – Pointer speed, Snap To, Visibility

Wheel – Vertical Scrolling and Horizontal Scrolling

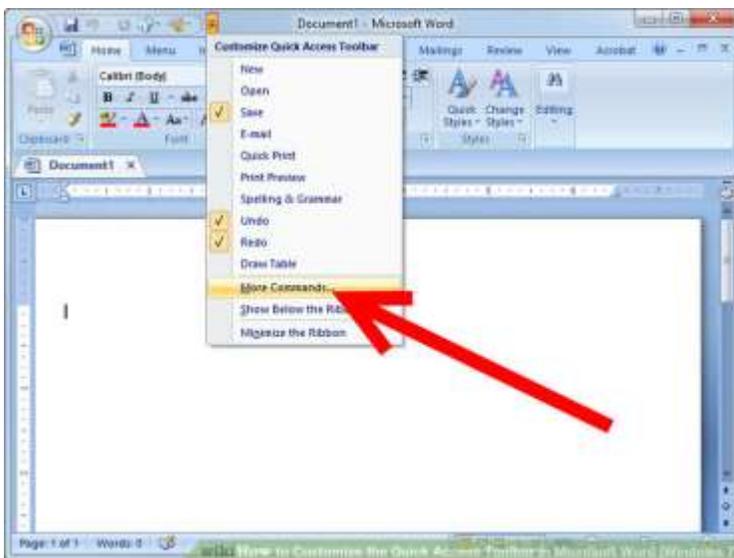
Hardware

Think Pad

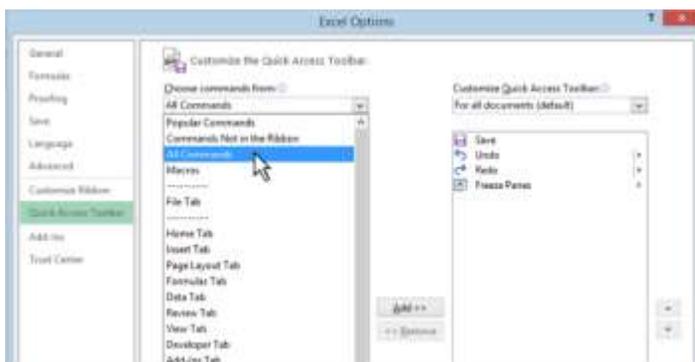
3 - Quick Access Toolbar to add Speak to Microsoft



The **Quick Access Toolbar** is a customizable **toolbar** that contains a set of commands that are independent of the tab that is currently displayed.



The **Quick Access Toolbar**, pull down menu: Under Customize the Quick Access Toolbar, Click More Commands; then click All Commands, scroll down to speak, click ADD, click OK



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TECH Tips - 3 Tech Tips for an iDevice

Guided Access

Guided Access helps people with autism or other attention and sensory challenges stay focused on the task (or app) at hand. With Guided Access, a parent, teacher, or therapist can limit an iOS device to stay on one app by disabling the Home button, and limit the amount of time spent in an app. You can even restrict access to the keyboard or touch input on certain areas of the screen. So wandering taps and gestures won't distract from learning.

Tap Settings> General> Accessibility> Guided Access to set up Guided Access

Speak Select and Speak Screen

If you have a hard time reading the text on your iOS device, use Speak Screen to read your email, iMessages, web pages, and books to you. Turn on Speak Screen and swipe down from the top with two fingers, or just tell Siri to Speak Screen and have all the content of the page read back to you. You can adjust the voice's dialect and speaking rate, and have words highlighted as they're being read.

Tap Settings> General> Accessibility >Speech>Speak Selection

Read with Fewer Distractions

Use Safari Reader to reduce the visual clutter- like ads and buttons - on some web pages so you can focus on whatever you're reading. just tap the lined paragraph icon next to the web address in Safari. It strips away ads, buttons, and navigation bars, allowing you to focus on just the content you want. And Safari Reader works with Speak Selection and VoiceOver, to provide auditory reinforcement for what you're seeing.