

# Chrome Extensions for Struggling Students

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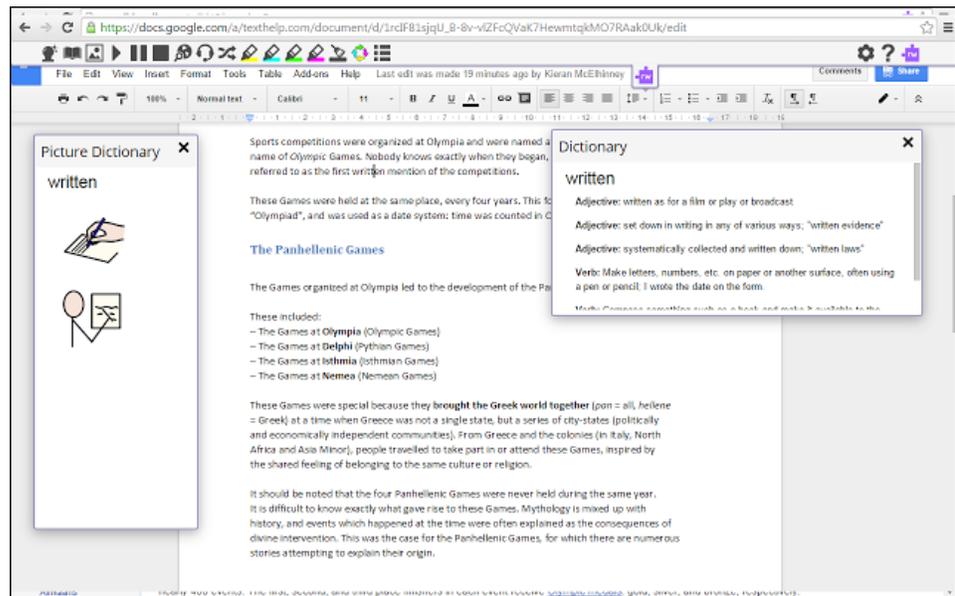
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## Text to Speech extensions

### Read&Write for Google Chrome

[Chrome web extension link](#)

The "Swiss Army Knife" of extensions with tools including word prediction, dictionary, picture dictionary, text to speech, screenshot reader, speech maker, screen mask, translator, highlighters, voice note, and more. Works on webpages, PDFs, Google Docs, and Google Slides.



Note: There is a paid version with all the tools and a free version with a subset of the tools. Educators can get the paid version for a year at no cost by filling out the form at:

<https://www.texthelp.com/en-us/products/read-write/free-for-teachers/>

### **Read Aloud**

[Chrome web extension link](#)

This text-to-speech extension will read either the entire page or just the text that you have selected. In addition to the normal options to adjust the speed, pitch, and volume of the voice, the best feature is the wide collection of high-quality voices to choose from.

### **Announcify**

[Chrome web extension link](#)

This is another text to speech tool that not only reads a webpage, but also removes distracting elements from the site. The only drawback is the inability to select specific text to read, as the entire page is read aloud.

### **VoiceIn Voice Typing**

[Chrome web extension link](#)

This speech-to-text extension allows the user to dictate text for any text box or text entry portion of a web page. You can either click the extension or right-click and choose "Start recording" to use it. Be sure to click the extension again to turn off the speech-to-text function when done.

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## Readability extensions

### **Mercury Reader**

[Chrome web extension link](#)

Make any website easier to read by removing ads, comments, and all other distractions, so just the core content remains. Users can also adjust the font size and color scheme of the new text. (For a list of 10 more extensions that clean up webpages, see here: <http://www.controlaltachieve.com/2016/11/10-readability-alternatives.html>)

### **OpenDyslexic**

[Chrome web extension link](#)

Override all fonts on a webpage with the OpenDyslexic font, making the text more easily readable.

## Dyslexia Friendly

[Chrome web extension link](#)

This extension replaces the fonts on a web page with either OpenDyslexic or Comic Sans, and provides a horizontal shaded bar to help the user stay on the correct line when reading. The only drawback is there is no easy way to toggle it on and off, so you will want to use an [extension management tool](#) to let you turn it off when not in use.

## BeeLine Reader

[Chrome web extension link](#)

This tool creates a more readable version of a web page by removing all the ads, comments, and other extra distracting items, and then applies a color gradient to the page text guide your eye from one line to the next. (Limit of 5 articles per day for free version.)

## ATbar

[Chrome web extension link](#)

Toolbar with features including color overlays for webpages, dictionary, text to speech, word prediction, and more.

## High Contrast

[Chrome web extension link](#)

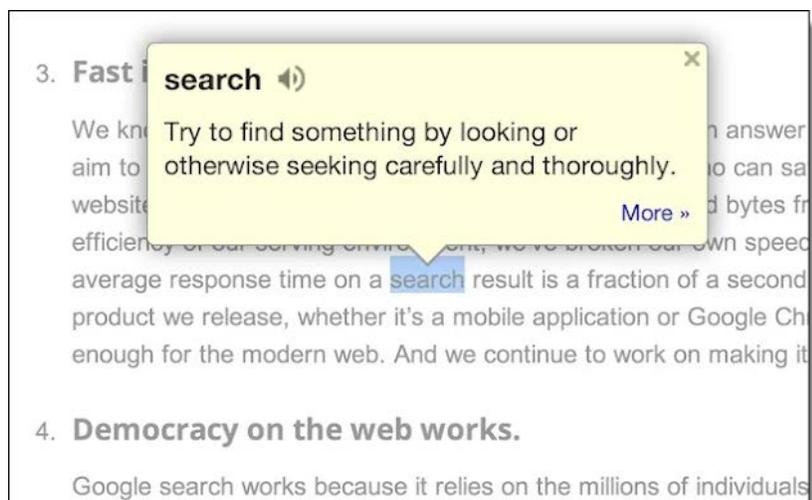
This tool can make webpages easier to read by changing the colors to increase contrast, invert the colors, or switch to gray-scale.

# Reading Comprehension extensions

## Google Dictionary

[Chrome web extension link](#)

Don't get stuck on an unknown word. Double-click on any word to get a pop-up definition, as well as spoken pronunciation for many words.



## SMMRY

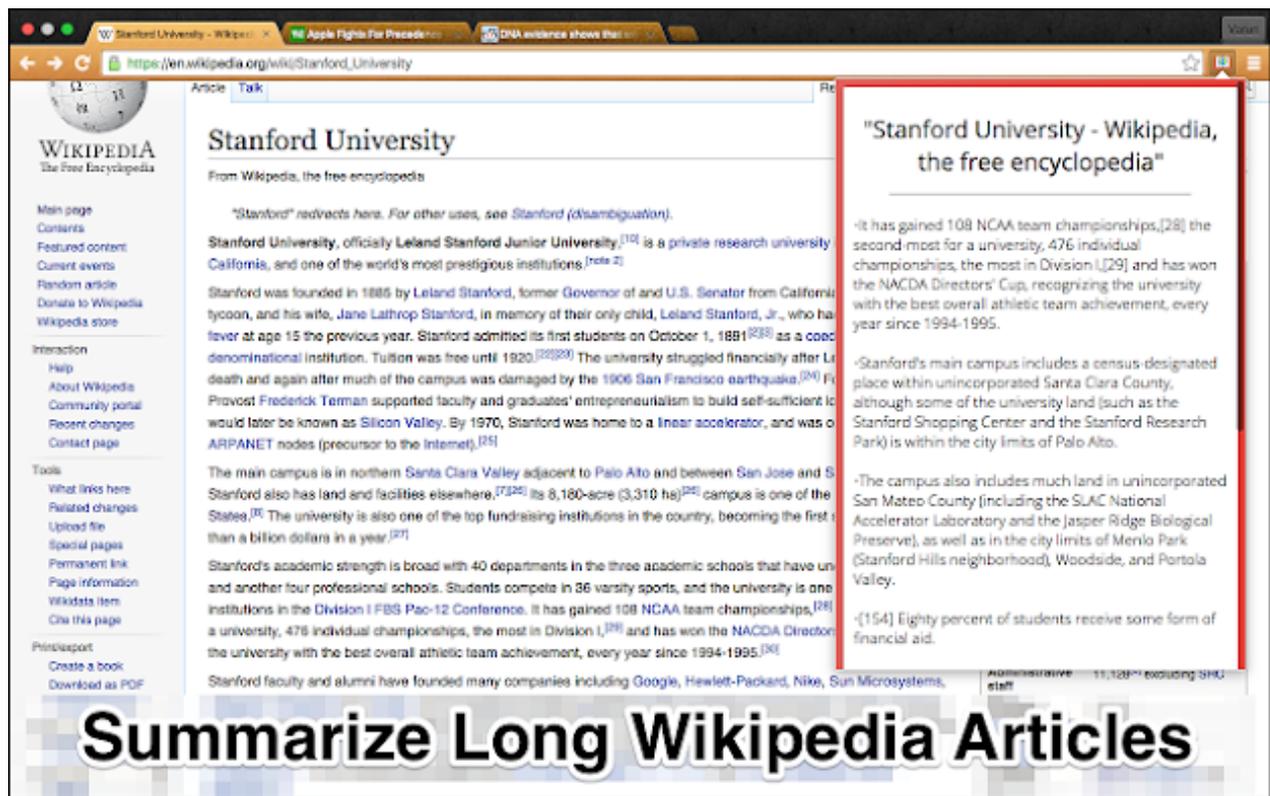
### [Chrome bookmark link](#)

While not technically an extension, this tool functions very much like one and is launched from your Chrome bookmarks bar. Summarize any online article with a simple click of the SMMRY bookmark link. This will generate a simplified version with fewer sentences (7 by default) and just the most important information. Settings can be adjusted for longer or shorter summaries, as well as emphasis on certain desired words..

## Internet Abridged

### [Chrome web extension link](#)

This article summary tool gives you a pop-up window with a short bullet list of the main sentences from the page.



**Stanford University**  
From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

"Stanford" redirects here. For other uses, see *Stanford* (disambiguation).

**Stanford University**, officially **Leland Stanford Junior University**,<sup>[1]</sup> is a private research university in California, and one of the world's most prestigious institutions.<sup>[note 2]</sup>

Stanford was founded in 1885 by Leland Stanford, former Governor of and U.S. Senator from California, tycoon, and his wife, Jane Lathrop Stanford, in memory of their only child, Leland Stanford, Jr., who had died at age 15 the previous year. Stanford admitted its first students on October 1, 1891<sup>[2]</sup> as a coeducational institution. Tuition was free until 1920.<sup>[2]</sup> The university struggled financially after Leland's death and again after much of the campus was damaged by the 1906 San Francisco earthquake.<sup>[2]</sup> Provost Frederick Terman supported faculty and graduates' entrepreneurialism to build self-sufficient institutions that would later be known as Silicon Valley. By 1970, Stanford was home to a linear accelerator, and was one of the first ARPANET nodes (precursor to the Internet).<sup>[2]</sup>

The main campus is in northern Santa Clara Valley adjacent to Palo Alto and between San Jose and San Francisco. Stanford also has land and facilities elsewhere.<sup>[2]</sup> Its 8,180-acre (3,310 ha)<sup>[2]</sup> campus is one of the largest in the United States.<sup>[2]</sup> The university is also one of the top fundraising institutions in the country, becoming the first to raise more than a billion dollars in a year.<sup>[2]</sup>

Stanford's academic strength is broad with 40 departments in the three academic schools that have undergraduate programs and another four professional schools. Students compete in 36 varsity sports, and the university is one of the most successful in the Division I FBS Pac-12 Conference. It has gained 108 NCAA team championships,<sup>[2]</sup> the most for a university, 476 individual championships, the most in Division I,<sup>[2]</sup> and has won the NACDA Directors' Cup, recognizing the university with the best overall athletic team achievement, every year since 1994-1995.<sup>[2]</sup>

Stanford faculty and alumni have founded many companies including Google, Hewlett-Packard, Nike, Sun Microsystems, and others.

**Summary:**

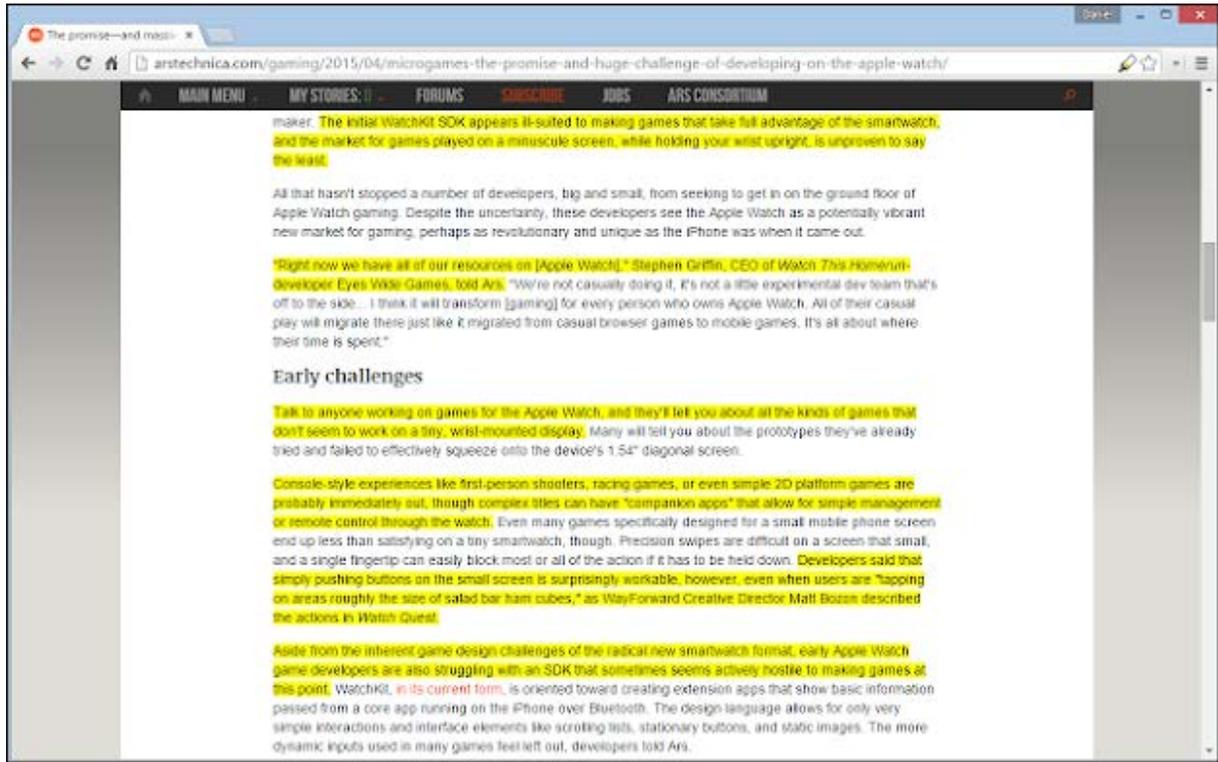
- It has gained 108 NCAA team championships,<sup>[2]</sup> the second-most for a university, 476 individual championships, the most in Division I,<sup>[2]</sup> and has won the NACDA Directors' Cup, recognizing the university with the best overall athletic team achievement, every year since 1994-1995.
- Stanford's main campus includes a census-designated place within unincorporated Santa Clara County, although some of the university land (such as the Stanford Shopping Center and the Stanford Research Park) is within the city limits of Palo Alto.
- The campus also includes much land in unincorporated San Mateo County (including the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory and the Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve), as well as in the city limits of Menlo Park (Stanford Hills neighborhood), Woodside, and Portola Valley.
- [154] Eighty percent of students receive some form of financial aid.

**Summarize Long Wikipedia Articles**

## Auto Highlight

### [Chrome web extension link](#)

This extension takes a different approach to summarizing. Instead of removing the non-essential portions of the text, it highlights what is most important. This allows the reader to still look at the rest of the article if needed. Three levels of highlighting can be chosen.



## Focus extensions

### Simple Blocker

#### [Chrome web extension link](#)

This tool helps students to stay focused on their work by blocking distracting websites. The user can choose the sites to block, how long to block them, and optional password protection.

### uBlock Origin

#### [Chrome web extension link](#)

A simple but powerful ad-blocking extension to help remove distracting ads from websites, making pages less cluttered and easier to read.