# Reading Pens

## Advantages of a reading pen

* Lightweight and portable.
* Provide independence to learners - just scan the word and hear it read aloud.
* Can improve reading comprehension and speed - scanned text is read aloud fluently.
* Can make reading more accessible.

## Disadvantages of a reading pen

* Document text must be clear - scanning may not always be accurate.
* May need to scan words or sentences more than once.
* Requires a steady hand to scan text.

## Features of reading pen

* Reads scanned text aloud.
* Good quality voices (depending on model).
* Some reading pens include a dictionary.
* Scanned text can be uploaded to a PC or Mac.
* Can be used with headphones.
* Some models can be used in exams.