# A person holding a book  Description automatically generatedTechnology: reading checklist for learners with dyslexia

| **If you…** | **learn how to…with…** | **WindowsMonitor with solid fill** | **ChromeOSLaptop with solid fill** | **iPadTablet outline** |
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| read very slowly… | **use audio books from;*** your local public library which will have an audio book lending service;
* [Calibre](https://www.calibre.org.uk/) and [Young Calibre](https://www.youngcalibre.org.uk/) Audio Libraries;
* [Listening Books](https://www.listening-books.org.uk/);
* or commercial audiobook providers.

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* change text and page colours
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* use a Reader Pen; trials are available from [ScanningPens](https://www.scanningpens.co.uk/Request-Trial-SPUK.html).
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| misread or misinterpret text… | * use the tools and strategies above
* look up word definitions or information
* use a Picture Dictionary, e.g. in Immersive Reader.
 | [Thesaurus](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/look-up-words-in-the-thesaurus-18025750-4dcf-45f3-b899-3caf4e8e02a1#:~:text=Click%20the%20word%20in%20your,down%20arrow%2C%20then%20click%20Insert.)Voice search in Edge. | Docs [Explore](https://support.google.com/docs/answer/2481802?hl=en-GB&co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop).Voice search in Google. | [Look up words](https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/pages-ipad/tan9ef3ea9f8/ipados)[Siri](https://www.apple.com/uk/siri/) |
| have to read text over again to make sense… | * see above
* use highlighter, annotations and comments to mark key sections
* use comments or audio notes to add notes as you read.
 | Word [highlight](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/apply-or-remove-highlighting-1747d808-6db7-4d49-86ac-1f0c3cc87e2e) and [comments.](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/insert-delete-or-change-a-comment-5cb1af25-4dfe-4484-9713-2c80391ecf12) | Docs highlight and comments. | Pages [highlight](https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/pages-ipad/tanccc10941c/ipados) and [comments](https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/pages-ipad/tancde3b34f/ipados). |
| have difficulty finding information in a text… | * see above
* use highlighter to mark key sections
* use comments or audio notes to add notes as you read.
 | Word [highlight](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/apply-or-remove-highlighting-1747d808-6db7-4d49-86ac-1f0c3cc87e2e) and [comments.](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/insert-delete-or-change-a-comment-5cb1af25-4dfe-4484-9713-2c80391ecf12) | Docs highlight and comments. | Pages [highlight](https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/pages-ipad/tanccc10941c/ipados) and [comments](https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/pages-ipad/tancde3b34f/ipados). |
| lose your place when you are copying from the white/black board… | * ask your teacher for digital notes before the lesson
* take photos of the board with your device and add notes as you go.
 | [OneNote to copy text and read.](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/copy-text-from-pictures-and-file-printouts-using-ocr-in-onenote-93a70a2f-ebcd-42dc-9f0b-19b09fd775b4) | [Google Lens](https://lens.google/#cta-section) or [Microsoft Lens app](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/microsoft-lens-for-android-ec124207-0049-4201-afaf-b5874a8e6f2b) | [Live Text](https://www.callscotland.org.uk/blog/looking-for-a-free-photo-app-that-snaps-and-reads-aloud-the-text/) in Photos or [Seeing AI](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/ai/seeing-ai). |
| lose the place when reading… | * use text-to-speech with words / sentences highlighted
* use a reading ruler / line focus.
 | [Immersive Reader](https://www.callscotland.org.uk/information/text-to-speech/immersive-reader/) in Edge, Word or OneNote. | [Select to Speak](https://support.google.com/chromebook/answer/9032490?hl=en-GB) in Google Docs. | [iPad Speak Selection and typing feedback](https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/ipad/ipad9a247097/ipados). |
| forget the beginning in longer questions… | * ask your teacher to give you a step-by-step breakdown (for verbal questions)
* Ask your teacher for a digital learning resource so that you can re-read when you want.
 | See above | See above | See above |
| find it hard to use a dictionary or index… | * use a digital dictionary
* use a digital book with clickable contents and index
* use voice to search a digital or online dictionary.
 | [Microsoft Editor](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/microsoft-editor-checks-grammar-and-more-in-documents-mail-and-the-web-91ecbe1b-d021-4e9e-a82e-abc4cd7163d7)[Thesaurus](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/look-up-words-in-the-thesaurus-18025750-4dcf-45f3-b899-3caf4e8e02a1#:~:text=Click%20the%20word%20in%20your,down%20arrow%2C%20then%20click%20Insert.)Voice search in Edge | [Google Docs spelling and grammar](https://support.google.com/docs/answer/57859?hl=en-GB&co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop)Voice search in Google. | [Pages check spelling](https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/pages-ipad/tanf3d8c3e49/ipados#:~:text=Check%20and%20correct%20spelling&text=%2C%20tap%20Settings%2C%20then%20tap%20Auto,then%20tap%20the%20correct%20spelling.)[Look up words](https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/pages-ipad/tan9ef3ea9f8/ipados)[Siri](https://www.apple.com/uk/siri/) |
| find black print on white paper difficult to see clearly… | * ask your teacher for a digital copy so you can change the text size, font and colours.
 | See above | See above | See above |

## Useful Resources

To help support reading, CALL has a range of useful free resources.

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| Video, youtube icon - Free download on Iconfinder | A series of short video guides to support writing difficulties and more:<https://bit.ly/iPad-Video-Short-Guides><https://bit.ly/MS-Word-ASN-video-guides>  |
| Document with solid fill | Posters and infographics including CALL’s popular [Supporting Reading Difficulties](https://www.callscotland.org.uk/downloads/posters-and-leaflets/addressing-reading-difficulties/) poster.  |
| Internet outline | Interesting blog/guides that explore different devices to support writing. Paul’s articles: [www.callscotland.org.uk/blog/author/paul-nisbet/](http://www.callscotland.org.uk/blog/author/paul-nisbet/) Craig’s articles: [www.callscotland.org.uk/blog/author/craig-mill/](http://www.callscotland.org.uk/blog/author/craig-mill/)  |
| Graduation cap with solid fill | Courses including: free webinars, 1 hour training courses, 5-week courses, 10-week courses and online courses. [www.callscotland.org.uk/training/](http://www.callscotland.org.uk/training/)  |