

# Welcome to Learning Ally's Student-to-Student Webinar Series



Volume 3  
Cool Tools – Assistive  
Technology for Success

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## Cool Tools – Assistive Technologies for Success

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Students with dyslexia often experience greater success when they are allowed to use their **abilities** (strengths) to work around their **disabilities** (challenges).

**Assistive Technology** tools combine the best of both of these practices.



## The Challenge of Dyslexia



## Common Challenges

- Feeling 'dumb' and stressed at school
- Feeling embarrassed about being different
- Not being able to finish on time
- Reading slowly and not understanding
- Getting your thoughts on paper
- Memorizing math facts & spelling
- Keeping track of assignments and deadlines



## Accommodation Examples

- Extra time on assignments and tests
- Not reading aloud in class
- Reduced Homework
- Don't count off for spelling
- Preferential seating
- **Assistive Technology (AT)**



## What is Assistive Technology?



Assistive Technology is a device, piece of equipment or system that helps you work around your learning challenges.

Computers, tablets, smartphones and other technologies can help.



## Why do we need AT?

- Allows you to do the same work as everyone else
- Allows you to work independently
- Saves you time on your classwork and homework
- Allows you to show what you know



## Is using AT cheating?

The short answer  
is **NO!**



## When to start using A/T?

Depends on:

- Technology
- School environment
- Age and comfort level of the student



# Let's explore!

What does Assistive Technology look like?  
How do we use it?



## Elementary School

### Suggested Assistive Technologies:

- Audiobooks
- Handheld Spell Checker
- Calculator
- Prewriting graphic organizers
- Thermal lined paper and special grips



# Elementary Tech Demo

## Learning Ally Audiobooks



# Elementary Tech Demo

## Handheld Spell Checker



## Middle School

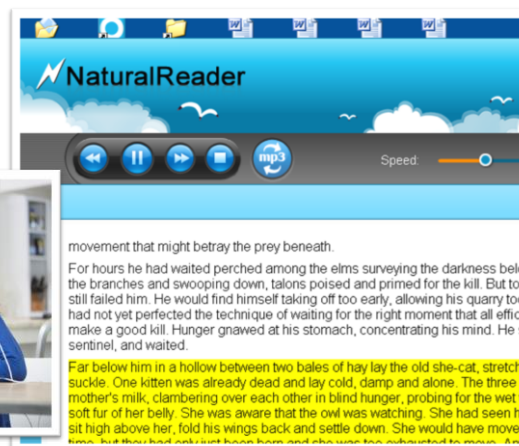
### Suggested Assistive Technologies

- Computers, Tablets & Smartphones
- Audiobooks
- Text-to-Speech software
- Speech Recognition software
- Spelling & Grammar Editing Software
- Prewriting graphic organizers
- Calculators



## Middle School Tech Demo

### Text-to-Speech Software/Apps





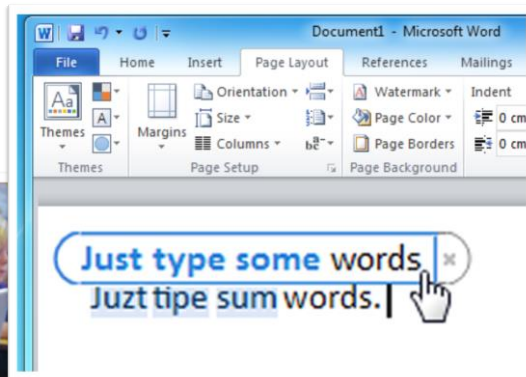
# Middle School Tech Demo

Speech recognition programs



# Middle School Tech Demo

Spelling & Grammar Editing Software



## High School

### Suggested Assistive Technologies

- Computers, Tablets & Smartphones
- Audio Books
- Note Taking Recording Tools
- Text-to-Speech software
- Spelling & Grammar Editing Software
- Calculators
- Speech recognition programs
- Word prediction programs



## High School Tech Demo

### Note Taking Recording Pen



## Smartphone/Tablet

- Text-to-Speech
- Speech-to-Text
- Take pictures of board - Assigned Work
- Use calendar function with reminders
- Record lectures
- Voice Reminders
- Notes - To do list
- Research
- Download Helpful Apps



## Questions?

