

# Assistive Technology and Helpful Tips

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## Reading:

1. Learning Ally
    - subscription required (\$118 annually)
    - IEP/504 required (must have a documented reading disability)
    - Large selection (80,000 + books available)
    - Human readers (in most cases)
  2. Arlington Public Library (eAudiobooks) - <http://goo.gl/0t4IUI>
    - Available to the public - requires an Arlington County Library Card and Overdrive Media App (free - <http://app.overdrive.com>)
    - Audiobooks are checked out for 30 days
    - Smaller selections than Learning Ally
    - Higher quality recordings than Learning Ally
  3. Text to Speech
    - Apple products have this function integrated throughout their operating systems
    - Windows offers a similar function
  4. OpenDyslexic - <http://opendyslexic.org>
    - Special font designed to make reading easier for dyslexics
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## Writing:

1. Speech to Text
    - Allows writers to get their ideas down
  2. Text to Speech
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## Organization

1. Evernote
    - Cloud-based note taking app/file organizer
  2. iStudiez
    - Electronic agenda
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## Classroom Tips

1. Smart Note to PDF
  - Have the teacher convert the notes from the Smart Board to a PDF and send them to their students/parents
2. Photos of the Whiteboard
  - For teachers who use the whiteboard rather than the Smart Board, have an aide/teacher take photos of the notes on the board and send them to you or your child
3. Have the teacher implement Remind - <https://www.remind.com>
  - Remind is a tool that teachers can use to communicate with their classes securely. It allows them to send text blasts to a group (parents or students) and keeps everyone's information confidential
4. Audiobooks on mobile devices

- Having the audiobooks on mobile devices makes them more accessible in the classroom
- 5. Setting up shared folders on Google Drive
  - Sharing a folder with a teacher on Google Drive is easier than sharing assignments with them on an assignment-by-assignment basis
- 6. Change the default font size
  - Changing the default font size on devices to a larger font may make it easier to read on them.
- 7. Quizlet - <https://quizlet.com>
  - Online flashcards that sync across devices
- 8. iStudiez - <http://istudentpro.com/>
  - By far the best agenda that I have found.