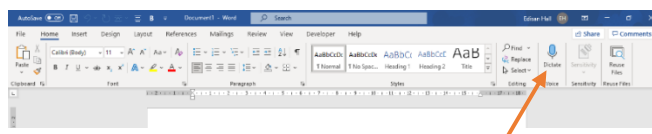# Assistive Technology for Writing

In-built 'Speech to Text'

Speech to Text supports a pupil's writing, by recording their speech and turning it into text on a document.
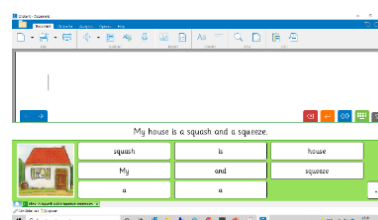
Benefits
- Acts as a scribe.
- Reduces memory load.
- Promotes independence.
- Can be used before a writing task to record ideas.
- Supports organisation of thought.

Clicker

Clicker is a talking word processor that provides scaffolding to support and develop writing skills.

It is a useful tool for all pupils, but it is especially for pupils with handwriting and fine motor difficulties, reading and spelling difficulties and reluctant writers.
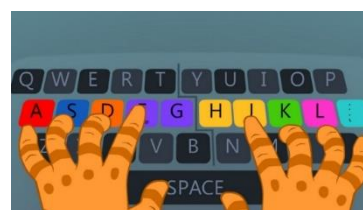
Benefits:
- Can be used on a range of devices (laptop/PC, iPad, Chromebook).
- Can also be used for whole class teaching, on an interactive whiteboard.
- Over 3000 ready made resources, for across the curriculum.
- Can be used in exams (if pupil's usual way of working).
- Promotes independence.

Touch Typing

Touch Typing is a useful resource to teach and develop typing skills, accuracy and speed.

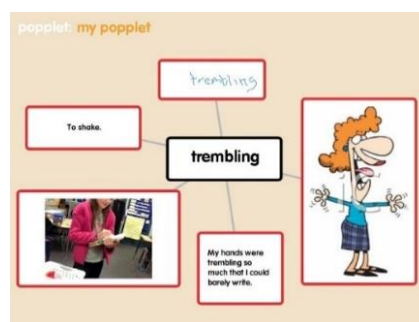| Free	Paid subscription
BBC Dance Mat	Touch, Type, Read and Spell
Doorway Online (more suitable for older pupils)	Nessy Fingers

Popplet

The free iPad app Popplet, is a great for creating mind maps which can help pupils to think and learn visually.

Benefits
- Visually shows pupils relationships between their ideas and concepts.
- Useful for brainstorming, revising, adding to knowledge and planning/organising writing.
- Pupils can type, draw, take/add pictures and record their ideas using the speech to text function.

For more information, demos and support, please contact your STEPS or ASD Outreach Workers.