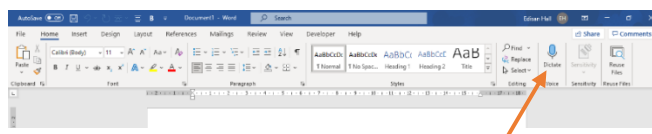# Assistive Technology for Writing

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.
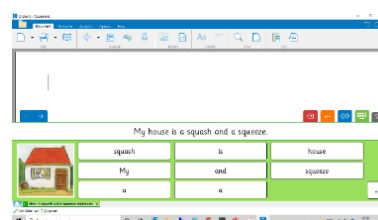
Benefits
- Acts as a scribe.
- Reduces memory load.
- Promotes independence.
- Can be used before a writing task to record ideas.
- Supports organisation of thought.

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.
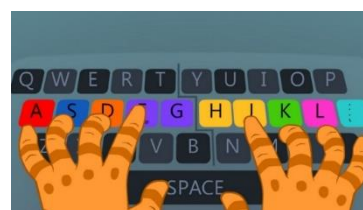
Benefits:
- Can be used on a range of devices (laptop/PC, iPad, Chromebook).
- Can also be used for whole class teaching, on an interactive whiteboard.
- Over 3000 ready made resources, for across the curriculum.
- Can be used in exams (if pupil's usual way of working).
- Promotes independence.

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 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.