

# Provide options for learning and collaborating

A suggestion for implementing the strategy 'Helpful classroom strategies years 9-13' from

the Guide: ADHD and learning

**Includes:** Offer text-to-speech tools

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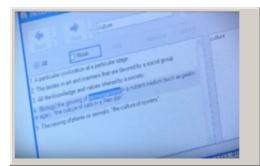
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## Offer text-to-speech tools

Students describe how using text-to-speech has made a difference to their learning achievements.



Video hosted on Youtube http://youtu.be/SW2qGK6sb3k

**Closed Captions** 

#### Source:

National Center on Accessible Educational Materials (US) https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC430oh5VnS3pdBJ89ux2bZQ

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## **Enable students to personalise learning**

Provide opportunities for students to learn in ways that suit their needs and preferences.

- Create opportunities where students can personalise learning tasks and projects to build on their knowledge, experience, and strengths.
- ✓ Discuss with students the different ways they can share their thinking and demonstrate understanding.
- ✓ Develop success criteria with the students and present them with clear visual supports.
- ✔ Provide opportunities for students to gain confidence using a range of media so they can select the most appropriate to express their learning.
- ✓ Offer a flexible learning environment with a variety of seating and working spaces.

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## Support success in assessments

Discuss with students what support they need to demonstrate their understanding in assessments.

- ✓ Identify possible barriers in the physical environment, for example: unfamiliar layout of room, lighting, temperature.
- ✓ Identify possible barriers in the resources and materials, for example: cluttered presentation, hard-to-read diagrams, unclear layout, hard-copies only.
- ✓ Managing time allocations using visual timers and calendar tools.
- ✓ Approaches to managing anxiety such as mindfulness, positive self-talk, and identifying solutions to anticipated problems prior to the assessment.
- ✓ Approaches to maintaining concentration such as negotiating breaks.
- ✓ Use of digital technologies such as text-to-speech and predictive text.
- ✔ Pre-teaching specific assessment/exam skills, such as how to approach multiple choice questions.
- ✓ Identify whether a SAC application needs to be made for NCEA.

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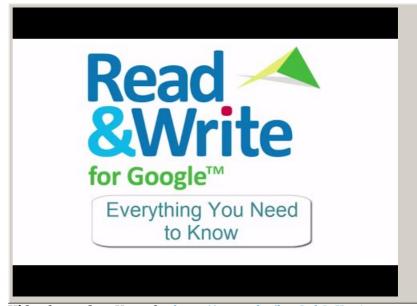
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# Use tools and apps with built in supports

Model how to use textto-speech, dictation, glossaries and highlighters.



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#### Source:

David Salmon (US)

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#### **Useful resources**



#### UDL Curriculum toolkit: Building Flexible, Customizable Learning Environments

This resource was developed to facilitate the creation of flexible UDL instructional materials. The Toolkit software enables any curriculum developer or researcher to design web-based curricula or interventions — from scratch, as well as to retrofit existing curricula into a UDL-supported, scaffolded learning environment for middle and high school students.

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