

Explore digital tools to support literacy (years 1-13)

A suggestion for implementing the strategy
'Support reading and writing' from the Guide:

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Includes:

- Offer text-to-speech tools
- Offer digital tools to all learners
- Utilise digital storytelling tools
- Use graphics and mind maps
- Use audio books
- Useful resources

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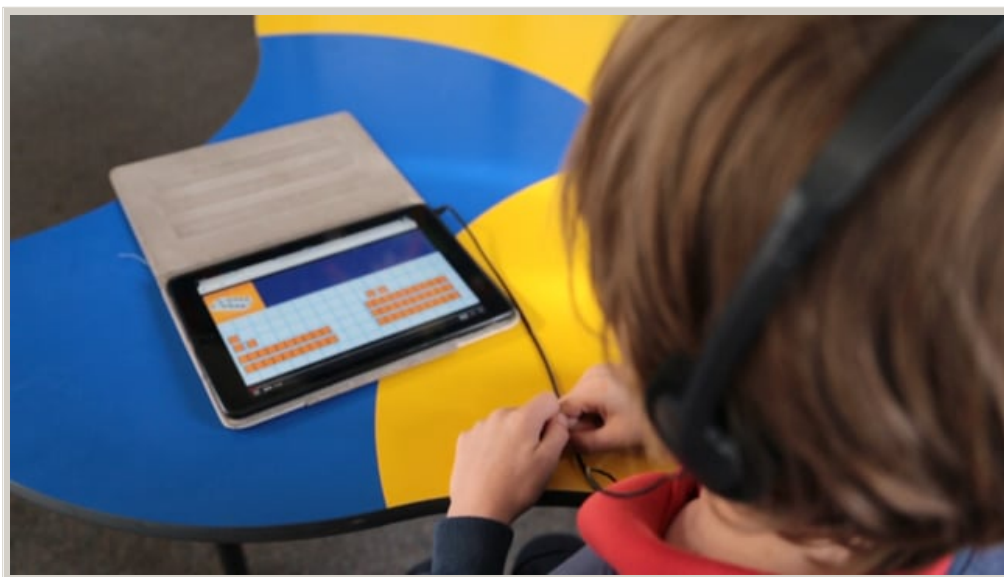
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Offer text-to-speech tools

Offer text-to-speech tools to read text aloud and support comprehension. Free text-to-speech tools are available across all computer operating systems.



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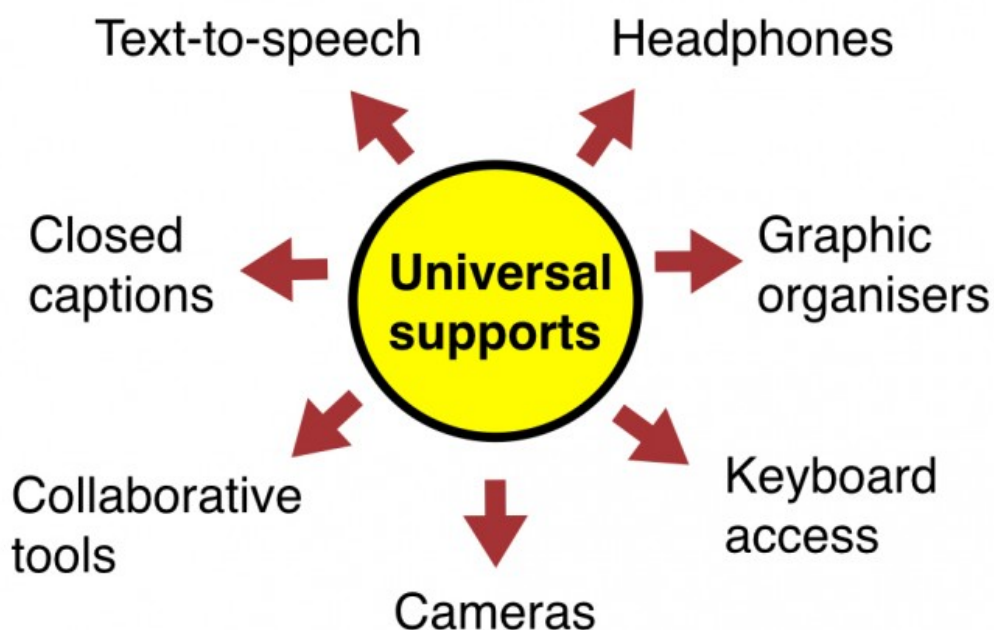
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Offer digital tools to all learners



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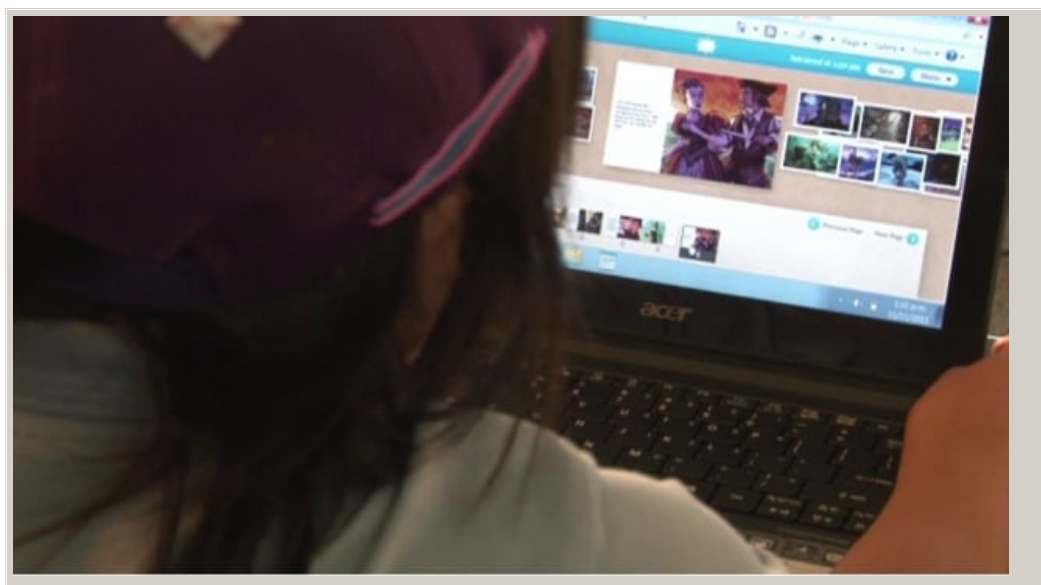
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Utilise digital storytelling tools

Storybird, a free digital story writing tool, has improved student literacy at Te Kura o Kutarere by providing pictures as a support and removing the barriers created by writing by hand.



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<https://elearning.tki.org.nz/Teaching/Curriculum-learning-areas/English/Using-Storybird-to-improve-literacy-skills>

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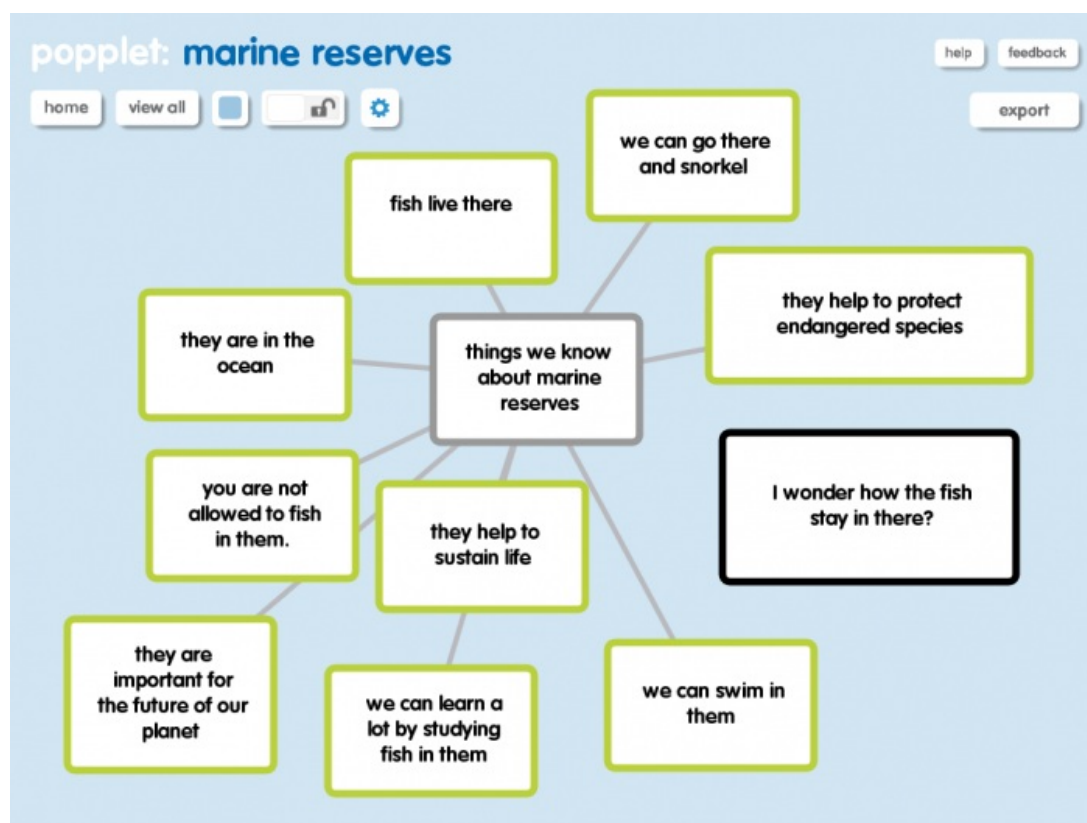
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Use graphics and mind maps



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Use audio books

Audio books support learners to access information and develop comprehension skills.

Audio books can be used to:

- increase engagement and motivation and prevent frustration
- introduce learners to books above their reading level
- model fluent reading
- introduce new genre that might not otherwise be considered
- support new vocab
- customise books (by speeding up or slowing down narration).

For audio resources, explore:

- [Sign language e-books](#)
- [Ready to Read Instructional Series](#)
- [Junior Journal Instructional Series](#)
- [School Journal Story Library](#)
- [Overdrive](#) access to audio books from your local library
- [Sunshine online e-books](#).

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Useful resources



Engaging reluctant writers using e-learning tools

A slideshare presentation by New Zealand learning with digital technologies facilitator Catriona Pene, containing a wide range of easily-accessible, online resources and apps for improving writing.

Publisher: Catriona Pene

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