

# Present information in different ways

A suggestion for implementing the strategy  
'Helpful classroom strategies years 1–8' from  
the Guide: [Dyspraxia and learning](#)

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## Support understanding with visuals



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## Take a multi-sensory approach

Ask the student what will help and offer multiple ways to build understanding.

- ✓ Offer real experiences.
- ✓ Use images, audio and video to support text and spoken information.
- ✓ Use physical or online manipulatives and tools to support tasks. For example number lines, base ten blocks, counters and scales.
- ✓ Use closed captions on videos.
- ✓ Use online simulations when possible, for example, online experiments.
- ✓ Offer digital text alongside printed versions so students can personalise it by enlarging it, listening to it, or changing the font, colours and filters.
- ✓ Make instructions, demonstrations, or key content rewindable and accessible 24/7 using screencasts, recordings, images and videos.
- ✓ Put content in a variety of formats in one place, for example, a video, a graphic and text document, by using online tools and digital platforms.

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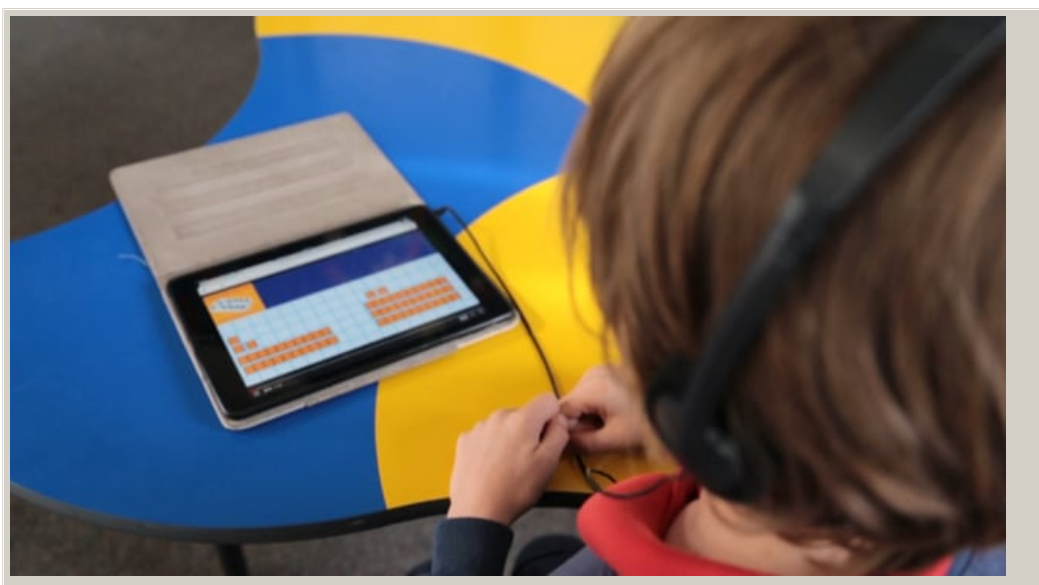
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## Offer text-to-speech tools

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



Video hosted on Vimeo <http://vimeo.com/105617225>

Closed Captions

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## Find free text-to-speech options

Free text-to-speech options are available on all the main digital platforms including Microsoft, Google and Apple.

- ✓ [Microsoft Word Read Aloud](#)
- ✓ [Microsoft Immersive Reader](#)
- ✓ Chrome extensions, for example, [ReadWrite for Chrome](#), [Immersive Reader on websites](#), [Natural Reader](#), [Read Aloud](#)
- ✓ [iPad Speak Selection](#) accessibility option
- ✓ Chromebook [ChromeVox](#) or [Select-to-speak](#) accessibility options

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## Use closed captions

Look for closed captions when viewing video and TV to increase access to audio content.

### On YouTube

- Search for videos with closed captions using the Subtitles/CC filter. The filter menu box appears on the left of the YouTube search results page – that is, once you have searched on a subject, for example “frogs”, and have a list of results.
- Look for the CC symbol. It may be under the settings cog.

### On TV and streaming services

- Look for TV settings or settings on each streaming service.
- The subtitles or closed caption option may be listed under Audio and subtitles, or Accessibility options.

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