

Read&Write for Google

Explain, describe, and/or demonstrate how Read&Write for Google Chrome might be used to support the learning needs of a particular individual or of an entire class.

Read and write for Google was originally designed to help learners with reading and writing difficulties. Read&Write for Google offers personalized support and is no longer used just for struggling learners but appeals to a wide age-range of users from early readers and writers through adults in the workplace. Read&write for Google however, does have a special attraction for struggling students. The following tools are integrated into Read&Write for Google:

- Talking Dictionary
- Picture Dictionary
- Translator
- Word prediction
- Speech input, “Turn speech to text in Google Docs”
- Fact Finder
- Study Skills highlighters and Collect highlights
- Vocabulary lists (with text definitions and images)
- Simplify and
- summarize text on web pages
- Annotation tools

Read and write for google can benefit individual students or a classroom as a whole. ELL students for example, can benefit from the Picture dictionary when they need a definition or clarification of a word. The translator icon can provide English to Spanish translations (and more languages are on their way is the rumor). Vocabulary lists can be created and used for everyday use at school or at home. Students with reading challenges can highlight passages from the web or downloaded material and have it read back to them. The speech to text feature offers kids an opportunity to show what they know without the grueling task of writing information down which can be very tedious and cumbersome to some. Word prediction helps the build fluency in writing.

English language learners, students with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorders and emotional or behavioral disorders benefit from the reading, writing, and study skills supports.

Whole class benefits might include using Read&Write for Google to facilitate research and test taking, improve reading fluency and comprehension as well as aid in the editing process. The program is engaging to all learners, is inclusive, and does not discriminate.

Google Read &Write is going to open up a whole new world to kids. It's a diverse tool for diverse kids but it is also an amazing tool for all kids! I think this tool could be used for any student who is studying, researching, project making, writing reports etc. I will be purchasing a subscription for both my kids as they enter into their university years in hopes that they will utilize it to its full potential and recognize the value for the learner.

