



## **SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFICULTIES ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**

**Clever Schools and Clever Homes create clever kids- best practice for supporting all students particularly those with learning difficulties**

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### **Clever Byte #2: Turn on Speak Selection on your iPads, iPods and iPhones**

**In the classroom and at home:**

For people age 5 to adult

**Some of the benefits of Speak Selection:**

- People can read electronic versions of books, documents etc.
- People benefit from listening to what they have written in order to check for meaning, grammar and fluency.

Teach students to listen to one sentence at a time until they have mastered the skill of listening and comprehending the text to speech voice provided.

#### **Instructions**

For those using iOS5 and iOS6 operating system for iPhones, iPads and iPods, turn on the Speak Selection tool in the accessibility area.

**The pathway is: Settings/General/Accessibility/Speak Selection**

- **turn Speech Selection ON**
- **slow the Speaking Rate down (The speed needed is based on student preference.)**
- **turn Highlight Words ON**
- **ensure the dialect is set on Australian English**

Once turned on, hold your finger on the text you want read. Adjust the active copy box if necessary by dragging out the edges of the highlighted area. You will then see a choice of **Copy** or **Speak**. Tap **Speak** to hear the text. The text will be highlighted as it is read, to help you track the words.