



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

Our tips are posted daily and include strategies for teachers and parents. They are not mutually exclusive.

Clever Byte #4: Install Free Natural Reader on your computer

In the classroom and at home:

For people age 5 to adult

Some of the benefits of Natural Reader:

- The floating toolbar allows people to hear any text that can be highlighted in emails, the internet, electronic versions of books, documents etc.
- Words are highlighted as they are spoken, helping people track the words
- People benefit from listening to what they have written in order to check for meaning, grammar and fluency
- A choice of text-to-speech voices to choose from

Tips:

- Help the student to choose their preferred voice
- Once loaded, use the slide bar to slow down the speed of the speech to the preferred speed of the listener
- Teach the student to listen to one sentence at a time until they have mastered the skill of listening and comprehending the text to speech.

Instructions:

This program is free and can be loaded on all computers.

Go to <http://www.naturalreaders.com/index.html> download either the Mac or the Windows version of the program.