

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Assistive Technology Website Resources for Educators by Mehmet Larcin

1) Assistive Technology

A) <http://www.apple.com/accessibility/>

Accessibility Technologies in Mac OS X - a wide variety of features and technologies specifically designed to provide accessibility to users with disabilities.

B) <http://www.fxc.btinternet.co.uk/assistive.htm>

Assistive Software - Free downloads of various software to help individuals with special needs.

C) <http://www.atsolutions.org/categories/freeplans.htm>

Assistive Technology Solutions - Free design plans for do-it-yourself devices to assist persons with disabilities.

2) Audio Books , Podcasts, and Games

A) <http://www.rfbd.org/>

Audio Books - Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic®.

B) <http://www.learnoutloud.com/Free-Audio-Video#directory>

A directory that features free audio books, lectures, speeches, sermons, interviews, and many other great free audio and video resource.

C) <http://wwwx.cs.unc.edu/%7Egb/wp/research/hark-the-sound/>

Hark the Sound: A Sound Game for Kids - simple sound game intended for young kids who are visually impaired or blind; easy to use and Fun!

3) Braille

A) <http://www.nbp.org/downloads/alphsmp.pdf>

Braille alphabet card - print out the card.

B) <http://www.deafblindonline.org.uk/index.html>

This website provides free software for people who are deaf blind or have learning disabilities. This software can be used to enable them to learn, explore their surroundings and become more independent.

4) Keyboard and Mouse Resources

A) <http://www.lakefolks.org/cnt/>

Click N Types -virtual keyboard; As long as the physically challenged person can control a mouse, trackball, touch screen or other pointing device, this software keyboard sends keystrokes to virtually any Windows application.

B) <http://www.microsoft.com/enable/training/default.aspx>

Microsoft Accessibility Tutorials - step step by step tutorials introduce you to some of the most commonly used accessibility features.

5) Picture Communication Tools

<http://www.symbolworld.org/teachers/index.htm>

Symbol World - website created by Widgit Software, dedicated to people who use symbols; stories, life skills, learning; also a monthly magazine for symbol readers.

6) Screen and Print Magnifiers

<http://www.iconico.com/easyRead/>

EasyRead - software to download for Internet Explorer allowing you to view webpages at the size you want.

7) Text-to- Speech Resources

A) <http://www.stazsoftware.com/yspeak/>

Speech - YSpeak - only for Macs; a free computer program for speech- and motor-disabled users.

B) <http://www.naturalreaders.com/>

Natural Reader - Text to Speech free software. Download the Free version.

8) Using Assistive Technologies

A) <http://www.doit.wisc.edu/accessibility/video/>

Web Tools - Free videos to show solutions on making the web more accessible for people with vision, hearing or other disabilities.

B) <http://www.widgit.com/resources/index.htm>

Widgit Resources - resources using symbols; select the ones that are free; resources to be used by CIP Communicate: In Print 2, Boardmaker files, WWS Writing with Symbols 2000 v2.6 and PDF format.