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No-tech tools Simple. No batteries. No or low cost. Easy to learn.	Adapted paper: colored paper, enlarged lines, highlighted lines, bolded lines, raised lines Adapted worksheets: highlighted lines for answers, larger spaces for answers Writing templates. Writing windows. Various sizes and tips of pens & pencils. Various pencil grips and pencil weights Altered position of writing surface: slant boards/clip boards/non-skid surface Word walls/word lists/picture dictionary
Low-tech tools Simple electronics. Minimal learning. Basic training for student. Initial implementation is supervised.	Electronic dictionary /electronic talking dictionary/smartphones Portable word processing devices (Forte, NEO) with/without spell check and auto correction features
Mid-tech tools More complex features. Multiple features. Electronic/ computerized. Moderate learning curve. Investment of time to learn. Users require training.	Mobile devices with word processing and spell check Text to speech apps/Android: Built-in speak function (Settings>Language & Input>TTS) Text to speech apps/iDevices: Built-in speak selection, *iReadWrite*, *Natural Reader*, *Voice4U*, *Voice Dream* Word prediction apps/Android: Built into keyboard, *Adaptxt* Word prediction apps/iDevices: *Co:Writer, iWordQ, Spell Better, Writable* Speech to text/Android: Built into keyboard Speech to text/iDevice: Built into keyboard, *Dragon Dictation, OfficeSuite Pro, Voice Pages, WPS Office* Word processing software for computer Word processing software with spell check/phonetic spell check Contextual spell checker: *Ginger* Audio-recording features built into mobile devices: smartphones, iDevices, and tablets Audio-recording apps: *Audio Exam*, *Evernote*, *Notability, SuperNote* by Clear Sky Apps Multimedia software: *Google Present*, *Inspiration, PowerPoint, Prezi* Digital templates, formats, and tools for citations: *Draft:Builder, Read & Write Gold* Alternative keyboards/on-screen keyboards
High-tech tools Most complex. Most costly. Most time commitment to learn, teach, and support. Requires on-going support.	Text to speech word processing software: *Kurzweil, Read & Write Gold, Word Q, Write:OutLoud, Wynn* Word prediction software: *Co:Writer, Kurzweil, Read& Write Gold, Word Q, Wynn* Speech to text software: *Dragon*, Ease of Access, *Google, Speak Q,* Speech to text apps: Built-in apps, *Dragon, Google, Voice Pages* Abbreviation expansion Specialized software with on-screen word banks: *Clicker* software, *First Author* software, IntelliTools
Decision-making tools	SETT (www.joyzabala.com) or Search browser for SETT Framework. See also www.WATI.org > Supports. *Written Productivity Profile* (Denise Decoste) Decision-Making Guide for Written Expression (Jill Beall)

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Computer/Tablet/iDevice (Spelling Support)
- *Dictionary.com* app
- *Ginger* Contextual Software (www.gingersoftware.com)
- *Merriam-Webster* app (www.merriam-webster.com)
- *Read & Write Gold* (picture dictionary) (www.texthelp.com)

Computer with text to speech (TTS)
- *My Study Bar* (www.eduapps.org)
- *Natural Reader* (www.naturalreaders.com)
- *Write:OutLoud* (www.donjohnston.com)

Computer with word prediction
- *Co:Writer* (www.donjohnston.com)
- Ease of Access: Built into the on-screen keyboard
- *WordQ* (www.goqsoftware.com)

Computer with advanced writing supports
- *Kurzweil 3000* (www.kurzweil.com)
- *Read & Write Gold* (www.texthelp.com)
- Solo with *Write:OutLoud* and *Co:Writer* (www.donjohnston.com)
- *Word Q* (www.goQsoftware.com)
- *Wynn* (www.freedomscientific.com)

Computer with speech to text
- *Dragon Dictation* (www.nuance.com)
- Ease of Access : Built-in under Control Panel
- *Speak Q* (www.goQsoftware.com)

Androids/iDevices text to speech (TTS)
- *(iOS) Abilipad* (www.apptherapy.com)
- *(iOS) AppWriter US* (www.LingApps.com)
- (iOS) iPad speak feature (Accessibility)
- *(iOS) iwordQ* (www.goqsoftware.com)
- *(iOS) iReadWrite* (www.texthelp.com)
- *(A)(iOS) Natural Reader* (www.naturalreaders.com)
- *(iOS) Voice Dream* (www.voicedream.com)

Androids/iDevices word prediction
- *(iOS) Abilipad* (www.apptherapy.com)
- *(iOS) AppWriter US* (www.LingApps.com)
- (A) Built into keyboards for Android
- *(iOS) Co:Writer* (www.donjohnston.com)
- *(iOS) iReadWrite* (www.texthelp.com)
- *(iOS) iWordQ* (www.goqsoftware.com)
- *(A) Google Docs* (use Android keyboard as input)
- *(iOS) Typ-O- HD* (www.secondguess.dk)(iTunes)
- *(iOS) Writable* (www.secondguess.dk)(iTunes)
- *(iOS) ZenTap Pro* (www.zenbrains.com)

Androids/iDevices speech to text
- (A) Built into keyboards for Android and some iPad apps
- *(A)(iOS) Dragon Dictate/Dragon Go!* (www.nuance.com)
- *(A) Google Docs* (Android keyboard with microphone input)
- *(iOS) Voice Pages* (iTunes store)

Note-taking Supports
- *Draft:Builder* (www.donjohnston.com)
- *Inspiriation* (www.inspiriation.com)
- *Notability* (www.gingerlabs.com)

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