



Free and Affordable Tools for Struggling Students

General Tools

Browser Add-ons Organization, reminders, calendars and more

Mozilla Firefox

<https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/>

Chrome Google Apps

<https://chrome.google.com/webstore>

Accessibility Features on Computers

Win 7: Start→All Programs→Accessories →Ease of Access→On-Screen Keyboard, Windows Speech Recognition

Accessories: **Sticky Notes**

Mac OS X: →System Preferences→Universal Access

MS Word: AutoSummarize; Equation tools

Tools for Reading

Read: OutLoud (PC/Mac) www.donjohnston.com Free Bookshare Text-to-Speech

AMIS (Win) www.daisy.org/amis Text-to-Speech Software

E-text websites

www.bookshare.org/web/Welcome.html (members only)

www.gutenberg.net/index.shtml

www.openlibrary.org

Fox Vox <https://addons.mozilla.org/enUS/firefox/addon/foxvox/> Mozilla Web Reader,

Watch and Listen Videobooks www.ccprose.com

Storyline Online <http://www.storylineonline.net/> (turn on captions)

No Fear Shakespeare: www.sparknotes.com

Shakespeare in Bits www.mindconnex.com (Free trial)

Google Chrome Extensions Read&Write for Google Docs, SpeakIt! AppWriter Cloud (pdf), Ginger Software; TLDR (free summarize tool)

Tools for Writing

Google Chrome Extensions: Grammar and Spell Checker by Ginger, AppWriter Cloud, Read&Write for Google Docs, (Google Drive is free; you need it to copy and paste)

Keyboarding

Typing for Kids Software Review: <http://typing-for-kids-software-review.toptenreviews.com/>

SuperKids Educational Software Review: <http://www.superkids.com/aweb/pages/reviews/typing/>

FreeTypingGame.net: <http://www.freetypinggame.net/play.asp> (Keyboard Revolution)

Dance Mat Typing: www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing

www.Goodtyping.com

www.typingweb.com

www.keybr.com

www.customtyping.com (On-line typing program and assessment)

Keyboarding

Google Chrome Apps:

Typing Club: (from www.typingclub.com) (finger cues)

Type Fu: (<http://type-fu.com>)

Nitro Type: (from www.nitrotype.com) A car racing practice game; not for beginners

Z-Type: www.impactjs.com A space shooting practice game; not for beginners

On-screen Keyboards

Click-N-Type: www.lakefolks.org/cnt/

Win7: Accessories → Ease of Access → Onscreen keyboard (with word prediction; no speech)

Mac OS 10 and above:

<http://gigaom.com/apple/mac-101-get-an-onscreen-keyboard-in-osx/>

WordTalk <http://www.wordtalk.org.uk>; (talking word processor)

Graphic Organizers

www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer (paper print-outs)

<https://bubbl.us/>

www.inspiration.com

Research Aides

<http://ultimate-research-assistant.com> (Searches the web and organizes results)

www.lib.umn.edu/help/calculator (on-line assignment calculator and research aide)

Misc. Study Skills Websites

www.rewordify.com

www.vocabahead.com (S.A.T. vocab. with videos)

www.wordspeller.us (app), www.merriam-webster.com

www.gingersoftware.com

www.spellingcity.com

www.quizlet.com (pre-made or create your own; math games such as Scatter)

www.sparknotes.com; www.bookrags.com/browse/studyguides

www.shmoop.com

www.wordlywise3000.com (online vocabulary building)

www.khanacademy.org

www.mnemonic-device.com

Tools for Math

Low-tech tools: www.onionmountaintech.com

www.aaamath.com (K-8)

www.coolmath4kids.com (i.e. Feed Gribbit Addition)

www.hotmath.com

www.aplusmath.com

Other

Technology Toolkit <http://udltechtoolkit.wikispaces.com/>

Literacy, Math and Note-taking Toolkits for Loan from PHP Library (PHP members only)

iPad app sites:

<http://dyslexiahelp.umich.edu/tools/apps>

<http://www.smartkidswithld.org/at-bytes/ipad-apps-for-kids-with-ld>