

# ClaroRead for Mac v4

**ClaroRead for Mac is a highly effective multi-sensory software solution for supporting students who struggle with reading and writing. Designed with maximum simplicity, adaptability and flexibility, students of any age and level of ability will have a world of information unlocked through ClaroRead.**

As ClaroRead is closely integrated with Microsoft Word and Safari, practically any text can be spoken aloud by this powerful software. With ClaroRead Plus, you can also scan any paper document and have it spoken back with complete clarity.

Students can also benefit from the addition of included visual tools that colour, highlight and focus on difficult to read text as it is spoken by the computer. Words can also be spoken back as they are typed, ensuring the accuracy of written papers, tests, and study notes.

When using Microsoft Word an enhanced spellcheck, homophone check, thesaurus and dictionary are available with ClaroRead.

ClaroRead can be easily customised to individual needs and abilities, by students or tutors.



ClaroRead is available in single user and school, college and university licenses, meaning software is available to an unlimited number of users for a set price.

To discuss tailoring a license for your educational establishment, contact a local reseller, a full list is available on the website.

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# ClaroRead features and benefits



## Speak any text

ClaroRead speaks back text as it is typed, allowing a student to check and proof-read their work quickly and easily. Text can be spoken at any point by highlighting individual sections of text and pressing Play – great for proofreading. A choice of male and female human-sounding voices give clarity and choice. Close integration with Microsoft Word means you can click and play at any point in a document. Spoken words can be highlighted using a custom colour selection. Any accessible text under the mouse can be spoken if needed.



## Simplification of Microsoft Word

ClaroRead provides a single toolbar for use in Microsoft Word that combines a text to speech player, scan and PDF convert function, homophone and tricky word dictionary, font and spacing commands, a thesaurus, spell checker and a save to audio function. All have clear graphic icons for ease of recognition. With just one single click, checking individual words for spelling, meaning and alternatives can be done.



## Reading and colour support tools

Reading is made easier with Claro Software's combined reading ruler and colour overlay horizontal bar, ScreenRuler. This unique tool highlights both the letters and background of each line of text. ClaroView complements the highlighting of text by allowing the screen to be viewed in any colour or shade – a colour overlay for the Mac. Each student can have a tailored approach according to his or her need.



## Improving word selection

Students can always be sure of picking the appropriate word when supported by ClaroRead. Homophones (words that sound alike despite differences in their meaning) can be highlighted. Alternative words plus their dictionary definitions and over 2,000 different symbols representing their meaning are provided in order to aid choice.



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## System Requirements

### Essential

- Mac OS X version 10.4 or later
- 60MB of disk space
- DVD drive
- Approx. 100MB disk space per high quality voice
- 110MB for Readiris Pro

### Recommended

- Microsoft Word 2004 or 2008 for Mac



## Writing support

ClaroRead contains a word predictor that learns as you type and can be tailored to specific topics. You can build multiple prediction dictionaries for different subject areas.



## Layout assistance

ClaroRead's integration with Word simplifies changing the look of a document. This allows you to make one-click changes to both spacing and font with the minimum of keyboard and mouse use. ClaroRead allows you to modify the font type to one of three of the most popular choices. Change the colour of the Word document text or highlight colour. Increase or decrease the font size. Expand the character or line spacing with ease making documents easier to read in Word.



## Multi sensory learning

Students and teachers can convert text to audio. Any text can be saved as an audio file for phones or music players. You can also build an audio archive on the Mac, for revision purposes and future use.



## Converts paper and PDF to text

ClaroRead Plus for Mac includes a full copy of Readiris Pro, the most advanced Optical Character Recognition software ever delivered to Mac users. It includes a host of features designed to do one thing – save users more time and effort than ever before. Readiris Pro can scan paper directly into Microsoft Word, and convert PDF files into text documents for editing and to be spoken back by ClaroRead.



## Worldwide voices

Students can get support in over 20 languages using ClaroRead add-on voices. Both English students and English speakers learning another language can listen to any document, test paper, or web page with a high quality human voice.

## Also available in PC versions.



## Testimonials

“ClaroRead has given Olivia independence and means she is just like all the other girls. She no longer relies on me and can do everything herself. The progress she has made is wonderful – and she can use ClaroRead all the way through school and university.”

Lesley Fraser, mum to severely dyslexic ClaroRead user and aspiring History of Art student Olivia.

## New and improved for v4

**Claro has maintained the ease of use of ClaroRead, whilst extending its performance based on customer feedback. The v4 release includes the following enhancements.**

### Visual highlighting

The new **focus sentence** feature greys or dims out sentences in Microsoft Word not being spoken by the ClaroRead voice. This is helpful for focussing the eye on the text, and also tracking the position in a document.

The **word trail** feature makes words colour progressively as they are spoken by ClaroRead. This mode allows effective word by word highlighting, with minimal visual disruption. Any colour can be chosen to highlight the text.

### Research and capture information

The new ClaroCapture program included with ClaroRead v4 lets you collect text from any document and web page, grouping it as a project file. The research file can be sent to Word or PowerPoint. It can also extract highlighted text from Microsoft Word documents. A great study skills tool.

### On-screen ruler

ClaroRead for Mac v4 now comes with ScreenRuler. ScreenRuler provides an on-screen ruler which tracks the mouse pointer to help focus on a particular area of the screen.

### Scan button

ClaroRead for Mac v4 now includes a Scan button on the toolbar. This button will be visible if you have Readiris Pro OCR software installed on your Mac. Clicking the Scan button will launch the scanning program.

### Improved word check

The Check window now integrates homophones, spelling suggestions and meanings in one window. There is also a dictionary lookup button which gives you direct access to the Mac's Dictionary. Any spelling corrections you make in the Check window are remembered, and you can review your own spelling corrections later under the Check tab in the Settings pane. You can use this information to build your personal correction list which inserts your personal corrections above all others in the Check window.

### Word prediction

ClaroRead for Mac v4 now includes a word predictor which learns as you type and can be trained from Word documents or the clipboard. There are a range of different settings for you to customise to your needs under the Prediction tab in the Settings pane.

### Extras button

The Extras button on the toolbar gives you access to the other software bundled with ClaroRead: ClaroView, ScreenRuler and ClaroCapture. There is also a link to the Mac's calculator giving you quick access to this Mac application.

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