How to use Read and Write Gold

Read and Write Gold is literacy software that makes the web, documents and files more accessible - any time, any place, and on any platform or device. It's great for people with dyslexia and other learning difficulties, or anyone whose first language isn't English.

It is installed on BGU computers and can be found in:

All Programs -> Software -> Read and Write 11

In order to use Read and Write Gold text-to-speech features you can use any pair of headphones with a standard headphone jack, like this:

If you require the use of the speech input feature, then you will require a special set of USB headphones. We have tested and confirmed that this works with a Logitech H390 USB Headset.

Once loaded you will be presented with the following toolbar:

Text-to-speech is one of the most important support features in Read and Write Gold.

Text can be read as you type, or from any document. It will read each word, sentence, paragraph or selected text. There is a choice of different voices which can be adjusted to your preference by altering the pitch, speed and volume. You can choose the way text is displayed or highlighted during speech. By hearing your work read aloud you will be able to identify mistakes in punctuation, spelling and meaning. Having documents read to you can also increase your recognition of words and your understanding of the text.

To read text:

- Open a Word document with some text in it.
- Place the cursor anywhere in the text and then click on the button on the toolbar to hear the text read aloud.
- Click on the button to stop the reading.

Further guidance on the full usage of the application can be found in the Read and Write user guide available here: