



# Read & Write Gold For Mac

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## Overview

- RWG is literacy support software, it is designed to support curriculum
- It has no work space, as this is because it will work with others spaces
- The program works with jpeg, photo, html, MS Office, Pages, PDF - students don't have to learn a new program in order to use it
- GoogleDocs does not work with RWG
- There are some things that cannot be done in Pages, so it is best to use this program with MS Word
- Any changes made to an account are only made to that account. At this point, there is no way to make a change and apply it to all student accounts in our building
- For the Fall 2012, students will have access to RWG for Mac at school and at home.
- [www.texthelp.com](http://www.texthelp.com) is good resource to share with parents. This will be active in September - they will be able to download the tool here

## The Toolbar

- "Preferences" button: helps you customize RWG tools. Click on the arrow to the right and HOLD it down. Then, click on the function you would like to change.
- To customize the toolbar, go to **customize toolbar** – from here move icons either to "include" or "exclude"
- Choose "reset to defaults" if you want to undo ALL of your customizations



## Read Aloud



- This function can be used on Word, Pages and HTML
- Allows for voice choices
- It is recommend not highlighting the entire test, this is so students stay engaged with the reading
- By not highlighting, kids can stop and pause (you can check for understanding)
- To disengage continuous reading, go into "speech" on the **toolbar** (NOT PREFERENCES TAB) and **uncheck** "continuous reading"
- the only way you would want students to use continuous reading, is when they are reading for leisure. For academics, avoid this!
- under the **toolbar** "speech", find "selection type". Here, you can choose for the program to read by paragraph/sentence/word (note: this does not work on Pages yet!).
- once reading is done, hit fast forward to continue to next section.
- for languages, there are downloadable voices - but you need Lion to do this (we do not have this yet)

## Colours

- standard colours are yellow and blue
- under “colours” in preferences, you can change the reading colours to whichever you like.
- you can reset to original preferences quite easily

## Safari Web Highlighting

- this function is located under “speech”
- turn it on, click on your web page and then hover

## Dictionary & Picture Dictionary

- must have internet access in order to work
- highlight the word and click on picture dictionary
- if the picture does not give a big enough clue, just click on the word in the box and it will give you the regular definition. You can then have RWG read the definition.
- **WEB HIGHLIGHTING MUST BE OFF!!**
- words that are hyperlinked do not work!! But, you can just type the word into the dictionary
- you cannot put in more than one word through highlighting (ie bathing suit - you must type this is manually)
- if the picture does not help, you can click on “advanced lookup” through the regular dictionary(binoculars) to give a more broad & specific version. This is not available for all words
- if you need to add a word or a definition, go into “preferences” and go to “user definitions”
- this must be done on each computer - cannot add in to one machine and then transfer to others
- you can add the pictures into the text. Look up the word and then double-click on the picture and it will insert the picture beside the word

## Screen Shot Reader

- works on pdf, flash, photos
- click on the icon, draw a box around then text - the program then analyzes the text
- click play to begin reading
- click the x to exit out
- it will struggle with Math symbols

## Screen Masking

- either underlines the mouse clicker or tints the whole screen
- modify the settings (make line thicker, change transparency, make section of screen wider/smaller)
- when done, click ok
- click on the “screen masking” icon to turn it off. Click again to turn it off
- you can use this with the read aloud too

## Pronunciation

- you can modify pronunciation of certain words
- this is located under preferences as well
- you can type in abbreviations, but make the program read out the actual words.
- Just push “new” and enter it in!

## Single Word Translator

- go to “preferences” and then “single word translator” and choose the language you would like
- then click on the “translator” button and it will open a window with the translation of the word.

## Paragraph Translation

- go to “preferences” and then “paragraph translator” and choose the language you would like ( you have the choice here of 52 languages)
- then go into “tools” and change “translator options” from single word to paragraph
- highlight text and then click on “translator” button and it will open a web window with it translated.
- hover your text over it and an option to read it aloud will occur

## Speech Maker

- takes any pieces of digital text and makes it an audio files
- does not work on PDF

## Study Skills

- highlighters - can have up to four colours on your tool bar (plus clear to reset the highlighting)

## Vocabulary List Building

- makes vocabulary lists with meanings, symbols and notes
- click the vocabulary list icon and manually type in your words. Click OK when done
- 10.6.3 will cause difficulty
- make sure you have all of your words because we couldn't figure out how to add more after... but it is uber quick!

## Fact Mapper

- graphic organizer tool