

## WordQ/SpeakQ

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### WordQ

**A simple and easy-to-use tool that helps you write independently and with confidence!**

Use **WordQ** along with your standard writing software. **WordQ** suggests words for you to use and provides spoken feedback to help you find mistakes. Users of all ages who have problems writing and editing, particularly those with learning disabilities (LD), can benefit from using **WordQ**. It features a carefully thought-out design with only essential functions that have demonstrated benefits to help students write.

**WordQ** was researched and developed at Bloorview MacMillan Children's Centre, an internationally renowned children's rehabilitation hospital located in Toronto, Canada along with educators and professionals working with students with learning disabilities.

### WordQ now includes:

- A high-quality natural sounding text-to-speech engine by the Acapela Group is included so that text is more clearly heard
- In-context prediction makes corrections easier by displaying appropriate word predictions wherever the text cursor is placed, even when the cursor is in the middle of a word
- A temporarily disappearing word prediction box allows you to move through your documents without distraction while holding down any arrow key
- Usage examples with speech feedback of commonly confused words, such as "there" and "their," helps you distinguish such words
- Saving user vocabularies and usage examples as an independent file allows easier editing and sharing with other users
- Creative spelling is now optionally considered as you type when predicting words to show you spellchecked suggestions

The state-of-the-art word prediction in **WordQ** suggests words when you have trouble spelling or choosing the right word. A special text-reading mode helps you proofread. With Microsoft Word, WordPad, Notepad or Outlook, text can be highlighted and read aloud within that application.

**WordQ** does not correct your grammar, sort out your punctuation or provide you with creative ideas. Instead **WordQ** allows you to independently write your own ideas, and check your spelling, grammar and punctuation so that you can become a more competent and confident writer.

**WordQ** benefits a wide range of users; it helps develop confidence, improves productivity, increases self-esteem and fosters a spirit of inclusion - some of the users say that it has changed their lives! The main advantage of **WordQ** over other products is that it is extremely clean, simple and easy-to-use. Teachers in special education will appreciate its simplicity.



## SpeakQ

**SpeakQ** is an add-on to **WordQ** that helps you focus on writing through your voice... simply!

**SpeakQ** is for those who cannot use other speech recognition products because they cannot fluently dictate at a fast rate, remember verbal commands, and/or get through training.

**SpeakQ** plugs into **WordQ** and adds simple speech recognition. Conventional speech recognition systems are designed primarily as a productivity tool for persons who have no trouble writing (and dictating) or as an alternative hands-free access tool for persons with physical disabilities. **WordQ/SpeakQ**, on the other hand, is for those who can type but who have trouble writing and reading in the first place. They can benefit from a combination of word prediction, speech output and speech input to generate text when stuck with spelling and word forms, identifying errors, proofreading and editing. Such users may find it difficult or impossible to use other speech recognition products because of reading demands and complexity.

**SpeakQ** features a simple training interface where the computer prompts you by voice what to say. You can then dictate directly into any document or dictate into **WordQ**'s prediction list. Your speech is combined with the word prediction. To keep it simple, there are no verbal commands. You only dictate text.

### *What can I do with WordQ?*

You can use **WordQ** along with any standard writing software (e.g., Microsoft Word, WordPad, Notepad, or Outlook). When you type a letter, **WordQ** predicts what you might want to write and displays a list of correctly spelled words from which you can choose. When you see the word you want, you can choose it with a single keystroke or with the mouse. If you need help deciding which word to use, each word can be read aloud before you make a selection.

When you've finished typing your sentence, **WordQ** can read it back to you. Then you can hear if there are any mistakes such as missing words or punctuation. Often you can hear mistakes that you can't see.

Several starting user vocabularies are included (using Canadian, UK, or US spelling) at different writing and age levels. These are like the words in your head. **WordQ** continually learns how you use words so that it improves over time. If you want to write about a specific area, you can create and use specialised topic lists to make the predictions even better. Different people can also use **WordQ**, each with their own user vocabulary.

### **Key Benefits**

- Simple, easy-to-use writing support increases productivity, independence, self-confidence and motivation
- Work directly within any Windows 98 - XP standard application
- Use predicted words as you write to help you spell
- Hear predicted words spoken to help you choose
- Select predicted words with a single keystroke or a mouse
- Hear what you type for spell checking and word flow



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- Proofread your writing with highlighting and speech
- Use a self-adapting prediction vocabulary that matches your age and writing level
- Expand, focus, or limit your prediction vocabulary
- Customise how you see predictions
- Usable across all ages
- Affordable

## Testimonials

*"I am passionate about WordQ - If you could see the difference it makes, especially to boys` writing you would be too!"* - Special Education Resource Teacher

*"You want simple, simple - that`s all you want. My child doesn`t want all the other stuff. WordQ does what it says."* - Parent