

ChromeVox for Chromebooks

Hear text read aloud

You can hear full pages read aloud with Chromebook's built-in screen reader or hear parts of a page, including specific words, read aloud with Select-to-speak.

Chromebooks have a built-in screen reader called ChromeVox, which enables users to use the Chrome operating system.


You can turn ChromeVox on or off from any page by pressing Ctrl + Alt + z.

To hear a description of your cursor's current position on a page, press Search + k.







Listen to part of a page

To select specific text on a page to be read to you, turn on Select-to-speak.

Step 1: Turn on Select-to-speak

1. At the bottom right, select the time. Or press Alt + Shift + s.
2. Select Settings .
3. At the bottom, select Advanced.
4. In the "Accessibility" section, select Manage accessibility features.
5. Under "Text-to-Speech," turn on Enable select-to-speak.

Step 2: Select and hear text

6. To select what text you'd like to hear:
 - Press and hold the Search key  and click a line of text.
 - Press and hold the Search key  and drag the pointer over an area of the screen.
 - Highlight the text and press the Search key  + s.
 - At the bottom right, near the time, select Select-to-speak . Then select a line of text or drag the pointer over an area of the screen.
 - On a touchscreen: At the bottom right, near the time, tap Select-to-speak . Then tap a line of text or drag your finger over an area of the screen.
7. Your Chromebook will read the section aloud and each word will be highlighted.
8. To stop Select-to-speak while it's reading, press Ctrl or the Search key . You can also select Stop .

For more information go to: <https://support.google.com/chromebook/?hl=en#topic=9016892>