

Writing is an essential skill for persons with disabilities because it provides a means of communication, learning and self-expression. For individuals who may have difficulty with verbal communication or face social isolation, writing can provide an avenue for effective communication and connection with others. The following apps, features and websites provide tools for helping persons with disabilities write more effectively.

**iOS or Android Dictation** allows users to dictate their thoughts and ideas and convert them to text. There is no cost for this feature as it is built into most mobile devices.

**Compatibility:** iOS, Android

**Cost:** Free

**Windows Speech Recognition** is a built-in feature of the Windows operating system that allows users to dictate their thoughts and ideas and convert them to text. The feature can also be used to control the computer using voice commands. Windows Speech Recognition is available on most Windows operating systems and can be found in the computer's control panel. There is no cost for this feature as it is included in the Windows operating system.

**Compatibility:** Windows

**Cost:** Free

**Mac Dictation** is a speech recognition feature built into the Mac operating system and allows users to dictate their thoughts and ideas and convert them to text. It can also be used to control the computer using voice commands. This feature can be found in Settings/Accessibility/Voice Control.

**Compatibility:** Mac

**Cost:** Free

**Dragon Professional** is a speech recognition software that allows users to dictate their thoughts and ideas and convert them to text. It provides several advanced features, including voice commands, custom vocabularies and accuracy tuning, to improve accuracy and productivity while using the computer.

**Compatibility:** Windows

**Cost:** \$150-\$500 depending on version and features

**Grammarly** is an AI-powered writing assistant that helps users write better by providing suggestions for grammar, spelling and punctuation. It also checks for plagiarism and offers suggestions for style and tone.

**Compatibility:** Available as a browser extension, desktop app and a mobile app

**Cost:** Price ranges from free to \$29.95 per month

**Ginger** is a writing assistant that helps users write better by providing suggestions for grammar, spelling and punctuation. It also offers text-to-speech capabilities and translation services.

**Compatibility:** Web App, iOS, Android

**Cost:** Price ranges from free to \$20.97 per month

**MindNode** is a mind-mapping tool that allows users to visually organize their thoughts and ideas. It provides users with a range of features to create and customize mind maps, including the ability to add images, links and notes.

**Compatibility:** MacOS, iOS and iPadOS

**Cost:** \$14.99

**Coggle** is a collaborative mind-mapping tool that allows multiple users to work together on the same mind map in real time. It provides users with a range of features to create and customize mind maps, such as the ability to add images, links and notes.

**Compatibility:** Web app

**Cost:** Free

**Co:Writer** is a writing tool designed for individuals with learning disabilities such as dyslexia, dysgraphia and ADHD. It uses advanced technology to predict and suggest words and phrases as the user types, helping to improve spelling and grammar.

**Compatibility:** Web App, Windows, Mac

**Cost:** \$299 to \$499 depending on version and features