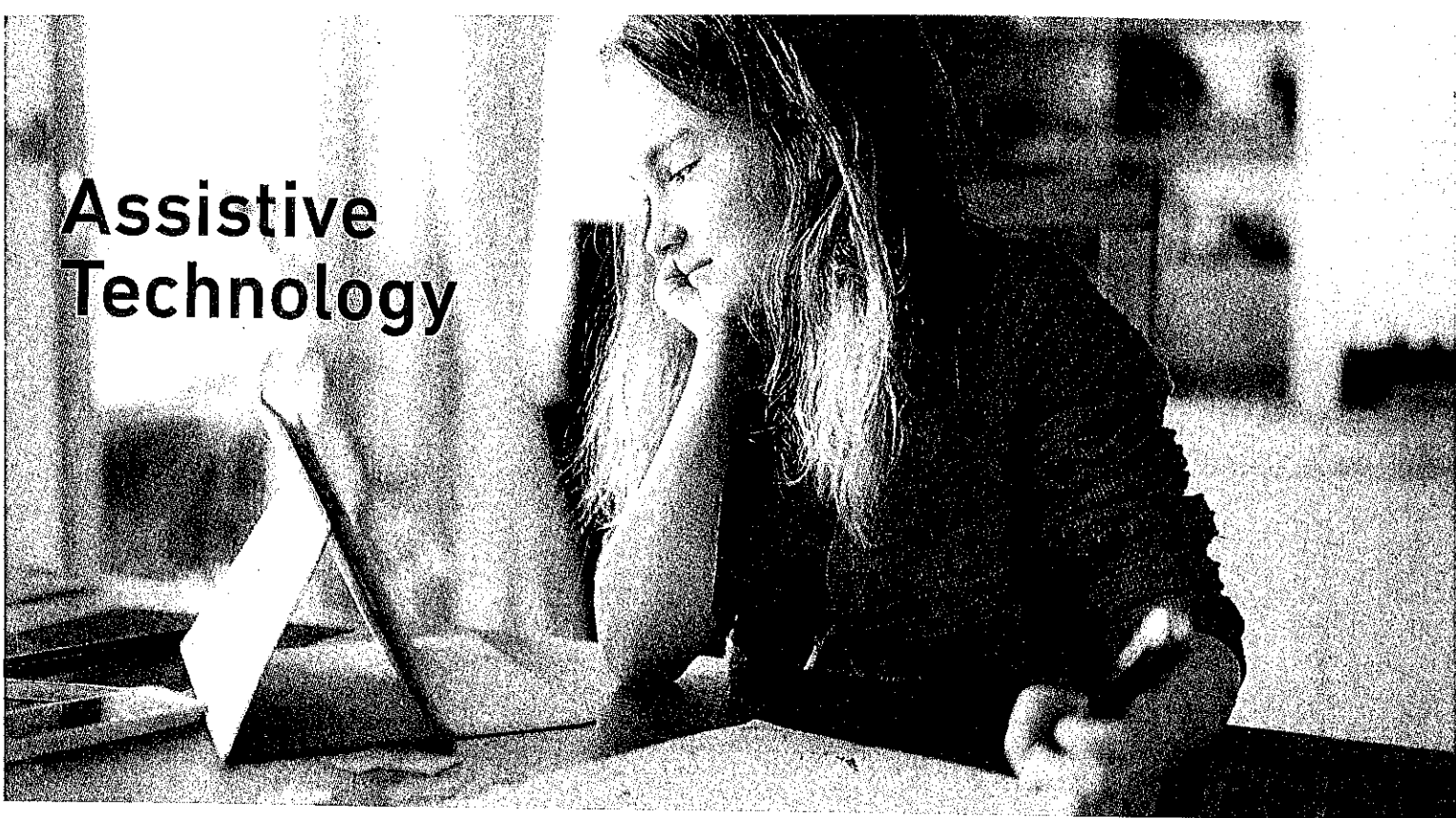


Assistive Technology



There are many apps for iPads, iPhones, and android devices that allow you to take a picture of a page in a book, a menu or text in a photo so that it can be highlighted and edited.

The technology used in such apps is known as OCR (Optical Character Recognition). OCR technology scans the inside and outside of each character, allowing it to be recognised as text that can then be edited or read with a text-to-speech reader.

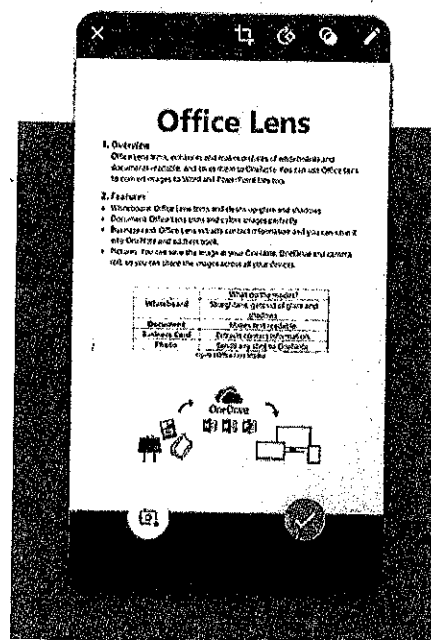
Microsoft Office Lens with Immersive Reader

Microsoft Office Lens is a free app that we recommend you try before making any expensive purchases. If you have an earlier version of Office Lens it is worth updating the app as previously the immersive reader was only built into OneNote whereas now it is built directly into Office Lens.

This type of technology can allow independence for dyslexics and anyone who struggles with reading. The Immersive Reader helps users to easily scan and read content. Please note some fonts scan with more accuracy than others.

Features of Immersive Reader

- **Read aloud**—Reads text out loud with simultaneous highlighting that improves decoding, fluency and comprehension while sustaining focus and attention.



- **Font size**—Allows the user to increase or decrease the size of fonts.
- **Wide text spacing**—Optimizes font spacing in a narrow column view to improve reading fluency for users who suffer from visual crowding issues.
- **Back five words and forward one page**—Allows the user to move backwards and forwards in the content.
- **Speaking rate**—Allows user to control the speed of the voice reading back the words.

To get started is easy

1. Download Microsoft Office Lens
2. Open the app, take a picture of the text you want read aloud, or choose the photo you have already stored on your device, click on done
3. Scroll through the options of where you can open the file. If you wish it to be read aloud, share the photo into MS Office Immersive Reader, or to edit the text, save to Ms Word, PowerPoint etc.
4. Once you click open in Immersive Reader the photo will go through the OCR scanning process, this will take a few seconds dependant on how much text there is to scan. The text will then appear in the reader. Press the green play arrow to listen.

To download



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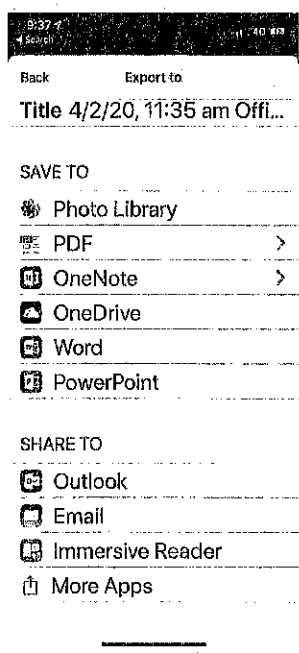


Microsoft Office Lens with Immersive Reader For Android Devices:

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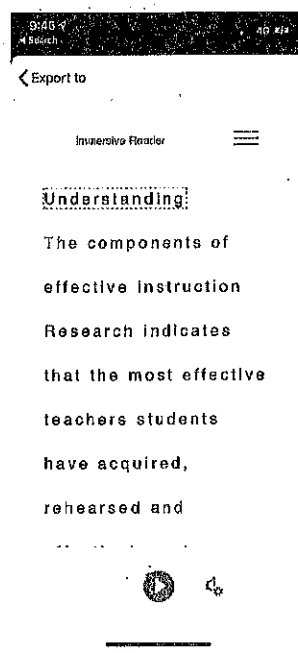
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How to use Immersive Reader



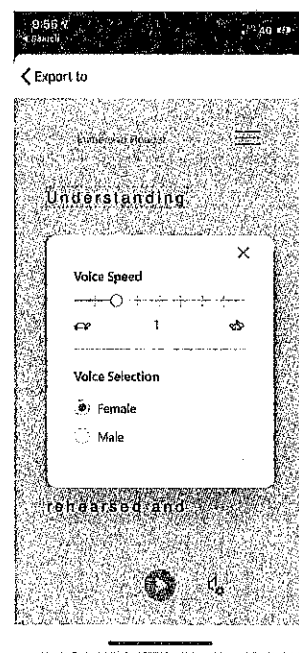
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Share to Immersive reader



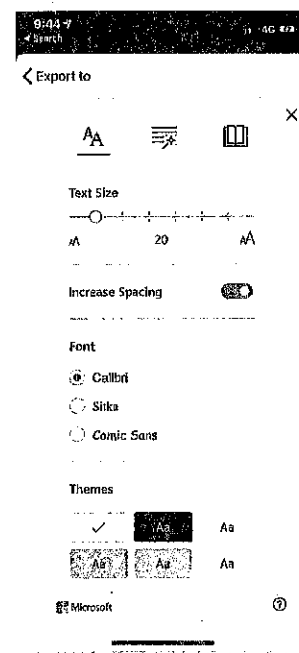
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Press the play button to have the text read aloud to you.



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Change reading speed by clicking on speaker next to green arrow.



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Click the three lines at the top left-hand corner of the immersive reader for visual options.