

iAnnotate - Using for Speech-to-Text and Annotating work

Pros

- reads/can be used on Released Sections and Assessment questions found on the EQAO website for practice
- speech to text attends to punctuation (i.e. commas more than periods)
- can type on the page as well
- can use speech to text features on the iPad keyboard for students who use it - This is an incredible feature!

Cons

- does not highlight text as it reads
- some mispronunciations - bass (the fish) becomes bass (lower register) - linger for longer - students need to be prepared for this by asking “Does that sound right? Does it make sense?”

Strategies for more effective use:

- Show students a paper copy of the selection first so that they have a concrete concept of what they are working on
- Highlight one paragraph or section at a time so students read at an appropriate pace
- Encourage students stop check their comprehension before listening to another paragraph or section. “did that make sense? Did it sound right?” If not students should be encouraged to go back and listen to the text again.
- To make the blue text highlighter more effective zoom in on the text (but keep it framed). This is especially helpful in the multiple choice questions
- Multiple choice questions:
 - listen to the question stem first and then each each
 - encourage students to remember that if the question says “in paragraph 3” than scroll back up to paragraph 3 and use the t-t-s to reread it to confirm your choice

Setting up:

- In settings (the wheel that appears at the top right hand corner of the screen when you tap on the document), go to APP SETTINGS:
 - Turn on TAP-TO-ADVANCE
 - Slow down TEXT-TO-SPEECH SPEED

Other possible uses of this app:

- as a teacher tool could be used similar to SmartNote book - projected work could be highlighted - possible application for shared reading, etc. Great for cuing student attention to highlighted text.
- students could take a photo of their page/work and attach a sound annotation directly to the question (1 min. audio) (Notability audio plays as one continuous loop unless you go to the settings tool on playback where there is a list of each recording)
- Modeling text features/supporting reading comprehension strategies

Other awesome tools:

- annotations can be seen at the left side of the screen - allows for quick review of important parts of the document/text
- voice recording of audio 1 min. in length

Notes:

- scanned OCR documents from photocopier can be used as well (still perfecting on the Xerox photocopier)
- can open your Google Drive on this app to access files
- annotates ANY document type as it converts to a regular pdf
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To think about:

- Make sure that it can print to the printers or photocopier at the school (or would need to email the pdf file and print from that)