



# **Staff Guide for Claro Plus – Improve Outcomes!**

## **Inclusive, Assistive Software**

### **Reasons to promote its use:**

- ✓ Helps students to become independent.
- ✓ Helps staff to proof read handouts/reports/booklets etc.
- ✓ It has many useful features covering different needs.
- ✓ **Take a look at my example assignment – please feel free to adapt it to suit your subject.**

### **Where to the find the Claro Software**

1. Start
2. All apps
3. Claro Software
4. ClaroRead Plus (this is the main toolbar for most features).

### **There are several features included to improve outcomes:**

1. ClaroRead - reads text out loud.
2. ClaroCapture - research tool to collect text and references then convert them to Microsoft Word or PowerPoint.
3. ScreenRuler - allows part of the screen to be highlighted or underlined.
4. ClaroView - is a screen "overlay". The colour/tint level can be set as required.
5. Save to Video/Audio – converts text into a video. This displays each sentence as it is read out ... or save text to audio and listen on iPhone or iTunes.
6. Claroldeas - is a mind-mapping tool – good for group work.
7. ScreenMarker - provides on-screen marker images.

### **Where to find more Help/Guides:**

Google Search – Claro Software or YouTube. There are many very short videos to choose from – two examples below! They last from 57 seconds up to 3 minutes long.

- ✓ <http://www.clarosoftware.com/>
- ✓ <http://www.youtube.com/user/ClaroSoftware>

### **Positives**

- ✓ Text to speech – excellent for proofreading typed assignments, reports etc.
- ✓ Converts text to audio – brilliant for revision.
- ✓ Capture – great for researching and referencing (very useful for any student especially those on higher level courses). Converts data collected to Word and PowerPoint.
- ✓ Spell checker with pictures.
- ✓ Homophone checker (with pictures) – flower or flour?
- ✓ Claroldeas – Mind Map good for brainstorming ideas and group work. Also converts text to Microsoft Word or PowerPoint.

### **Overall – Exceptional for Everyone!**

- ✓ Great for working with visually impaired students.
- ✓ Great for working on spelling.
- ✓ Great for working with ESOL students.

**Remember - a computer reader will be allowed for most examinations ... even GCSE English! If it helps one person per class it will - Improve Outcomes!**

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# Claro Plus Inclusive, Assistive Software

## How does it help?

- ✓ We don't always see our own mistakes but we do hear them.

## Easy to use?

- ✓ Highlight selection of text then listen. Is it what you meant to say?

## Quick Set Up Guide

### Settings:



- Set the **Voice** and **Speed** you prefer.
- **Speech** - Remove all ticks.
- **Advanced** - Remove all ticks.

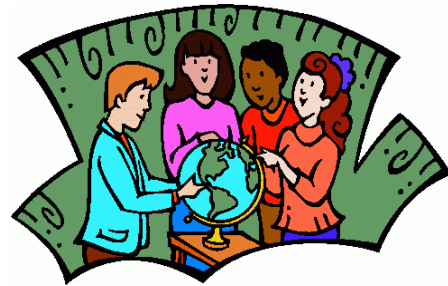


Proof read it with  
**CLARO** before  
handing it in!

Use the **View** tab to enable the toolbar to move anywhere on the screen.

## Useful for proof reading:

- ✓ Assignments
- ✓ CVs
- ✓ Reports
- ✓ Leaflets
- ✓ Personal Statements



# ClaroRead

## Used by:

**Staff, Students – EVERYONE!**

