

## Third-Party Tools

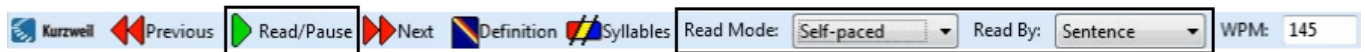
In addition to the tools available in Performance Matters for use in the OLA testing platform, many third-party applications can be used. We recommend finding the most suitable application to fit your needs and testing it within the OLA platform before any student assessment.

### Use a Screen Reader

If students taking an online assessment need the assistance of a screen reader, there are several third-party readers available that are compatible with the web interface of OLA.

These tips and recommended settings will ensure you get the best experience when using a screen reader with OLA:

- Choose a screen reader that allows the reading to be done by sentence or by paragraph and that allows pausing. Continuous reading could create confusion when discerning the answer choices.



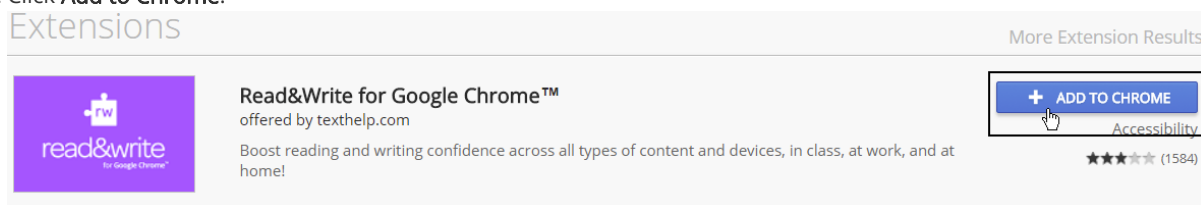
- Keep in mind that a web screen reader will not read images, therefore it will not read the text contained in an image.
- Screen readers do not accurately read symbols and formulas created using math editors.
- Screen readers do not fully support the inline choice interaction type due to the drop-down feature of the answer choices. It will read the prompt but not the answer choices.
- Check the supported platforms and browsers to ensure the reader will work with your equipment.
- Refer to the user documentation for the reader for instructions on how to use its features.

### Read&Write Extension for Google Chrome

Read&Write is an extension available through Google Chrome that works with the OLA platform as a screen reader tool.

#### Add the Extension

- Navigate to the Chrome Web Store and search for Read&Write.
- Click **Add to Chrome**.



- Click **Add extension**.
- The **Read&Write** icon is available to your browser's main toolbar.

#### Use the Extension in OLA

- After logging into OLA, the student can click the **Read&Write** icon in the browser toolbar to open the screen reader.
- There are many different settings available for this extension.



You can customize which tools are available for your students. Click the caret and select Options.

- Click **Features**.
- Click the feature toggles to turn tools on or off.

**Tip:** Turn off the Continuous Reading option in the Speech menu and use the Hover Speech tool to prevent student confusion when discerning the answer choices.

The Hover Speech tool is compatible with answer options and most tools available in OLA and allows students to hover over the sentence they would like to read.



**Note:**

The Read&Write Screen Reader tool reads the alt text available for images. If you insert a passage as an image, ensure that the alt text for that image is set up correctly.

**Caution:**

Equations entered into an item using the MathML tool are not read by a screen reader. If an equation needs to be read aloud to a student, you must enter the equation as an image.

5. The Hover Speech tool remains turned on as you navigate through the test. To pause the reading, click **pause** or **stop**. To turn off the tool, click the Hover Speech tool icon.



**Note:** For more information on the Read&Write extension, you can visit <https://www.texthelp.com/en-us/products/read-write/read-write-for-google/>.

## Use a Line Reader

There are many line reader applications available. Once you have found a preferred application, download it for use within the OLA testing platform.



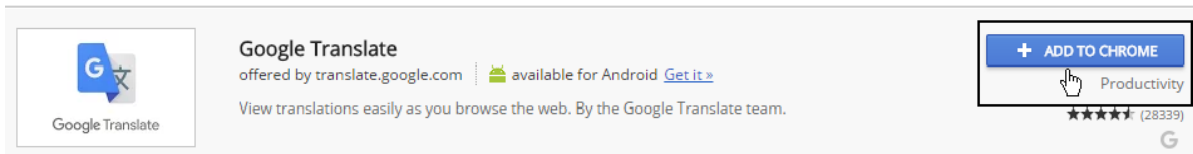
**Note:** Every line reader application has specific instructions to utilize the tool. Review the documentation before using the tool for testing. Test the application within OLA to be certain it functions as expected.

## Use Google Translate for OLA

You can use the Google Translate extension in Chrome to provide necessary accommodations for students whose primary language is not English.

### Install the Google Extension

1. Navigate to the Chrome Web Store and search for Google Translate.
2. Click **Add to Chrome**.



3. Click **Add extension**.
4. The Google Translate icon is available in your browser's main toolbar.

### Use the Translate Extension for OLA

1. Navigate to OLA using the URL, bookmark, or shortcut provided to you.
2. Before logging in, the student or teacher must enable the Google Translate extension. Click the extension icon in the browser toolbar.
3. Click **Translate This Page**.
4. When the tool is activated, a new menu bar displays beneath the main navigation bar. Here, the student or teacher can specify the required language.
5. The student can log in to the assessment and [begin testing](#). Each assessment item first appears in English, then is translated into the chosen language.



**Caution:** You must activate the extension before accessing the assessment if Enable Secure Lockout feature is turned on for the assessment. The student is locked out of the assessment if they navigate away from the test to enable Google Translate.

