

Computer Software

- A good program developed by the British Dyslexia Association is *WordShark*. It focuses on the development of both reading and spelling skills using games involving phonics, onset and rime, homophones, spelling rules, common letter patterns, visual and auditory patterns and other aspects of literacy.
- Useful tools to help with writing on the computer are *TextHelp Read and Write Version 8*, *Kurzweil 3000*, *Draft Builder*, and *Co:Writer*. These programs perform a variety of functions including reading scanned text aloud, checking spelling and providing alternatives, and frameworks for structuring written expression.
- *Brain Booster* is aimed at high school and university students and focuses on individual learning styles and includes activities that develop writing, organisation, memory, revision and reading skills.
- *Memory Booster* is an interactive program that aims at developing memory strategies in a fun format. Also see attached strategies for auditory memory.
- Voice recognition software (e.g. *Dragon NaturallySpeaking*) can also be a very useful tool to help transform oral expression into written expression. The website www.readplease.com has a free text reader program you can download.
- It is useful to learn keyboarding skills for work presentation. The use of laptop computers or less expensive portable word processors such as the *Alphasmart* can be very useful for students who have writing difficulties.



Further information regarding these software programs can be gained through the Foundation.



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