

Quick Facts

Smarter Training Test and Text to Speech

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- Must Use the secure browser
 - Tip: Close all programs before launching the secure browser
- Log in as guest
- Choose settings page under Text to Speech:
 - Options:
 - No text to speech
 - Passages and Items
 - Stimuli
 - Items

- Which Option?

Choose the option that matches the designated support or accommodation that has been determined for the individual student that complies with the [Smarter Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations Guidelines](#) document. The following table is excerpted from the guidelines pages 10 and 15.

		Description	Recommendations for Use
Designated Support Pg. 10	Text-to-speech (for math items and ELA items, not for reading passages)	Text is read aloud to the student via embedded text-to-speech technology. The student is able to control the speed as well as raise or lower the volume of the voice via a volume control.	Students who are struggling readers may need assistance accessing the assessment by having all or portions of the assessment read aloud. This support also may be needed by students with reading-related disabilities, or by students who are blind and do not yet have adequate braille skills. This support will likely be confusing and may impede the performance of students who do not regularly have the support during instruction. Students who use text-to-speech will need headphones unless tested individually in a separate setting .
Accommodation Pg. 15	Text-to-speech (for ELA reading passages)	Text is read aloud to the student via embedded text-to-speech technology. The student is able to control the speed as well as raise or lower the volume of the voice via a volume control.	Appropriate for a very small number of students (estimated to be approximately 1-2% of students with disabilities participating in a general assessment). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For students in grades 3 - 5, text-to-speech will not be an available accommodation. Content experts agree that this accommodation should not be provided during these grades because it would compromise the construct being measured.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For students in grades 6 – 8 and 11, text-to-speech is available as an accommodation for students whose need is documented in an IEP or 504 plan. <p>Reports can be run to indicate the percent of students who had access to text-to-speech on reading test passages.</p> <p>Students who use text-to-speech will need headphones unless tested individually in a separate setting.</p>
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- How do the options work?

Option 1: Speak question

Right click anywhere on item

Choose: Speak Question (reads the entire item based on what was chosen in the settings)

Option 2: Speak selected text

Student can highlight text and then right click to choose read selection.

Pausing or Stopping Audio

Student right clicks when audio is playing and can choose to pause/play or stop the audio.

Questions???

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