

Write:OutLoud® 6 Self-Study

- **What is Write:OutLoud 6?**
Write:OutLoud 6 is a talking word processor that uses text-to-speech and revision and editing supports to help students write effectively.
- **What will I get from this Self-Study?**
The Self-Study will walk you through the basics of using Write:OutLoud 6 so that you can get started quickly. When you complete this Self-Study, you will have used Write:OutLoud 6 from beginning to end. (See the Help program within Write:OutLoud 6 for help on using *all* of the features.)
- **How do I use this Quick Study?**
Print this Self-Study and follow the steps on your computer.

Write IT! Hear IT! Revise IT!

⇒ Write IT

LAUNCH Write:OutLoud 6

- **Windows:** Start menu and/or Shortcut on Desktop.
- **Macintosh:** Dock and/or Alias on Desktop.








WRITE a sentence

1. Write:OutLoud 6 launches and a blank, new document screen appears.
2. Type the sentences below exactly as they are shown. **DO NOT** make corrections as you type. As you type, each word speaks as it is complete.

My summer vakashun was fun. I went to the zu. I played in the park with my frends.
I went swimeng.

⇒ Hear IT




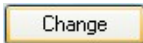
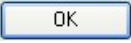
EXPLORE Speech

1. Click . Your cursor blinks at the beginning of your text in the upper left corner of your document.
2. Click  to hear the first sentence read aloud.
3. Click  again to hear the next sentence.
4. Highlight a word to select it. Click  to hear just the highlighted word read aloud.
5. Highlight a phrase in your document. Click  to hear the phrase read aloud.
6. Hear the entire document read aloud by clicking . To stop speech at any time, click .

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⇒ Revise IT


CHECK your spelling

1. Click .
2. Click  to the right of the sentence containing the first misspelled word (**vakashun**) to hear the sentence and word spoken aloud.
3. In the **Suggestions** list, select **vacation** and click  to the right of the suggested word to hear it spoken aloud.
4. Click  to replace the misspelled word with the correct one. **Vakashun** changes to **vacation**.
5. Finish checking and correcting the spelling in your work. When you are done, click .

EDIT/REVISE your writing based on what you heard

1. Recall that, while you were listening to your writing read aloud, you noticed that the second sentence began with “I” You want to change “I” to “We”. To do this:
2. Highlight the word “I” and replace it by typing the word “We” in its place.


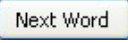

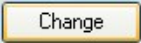
ADD more sentences to your document

1. Click  to move your cursor to the end of your document.
2. Type the sentence below exactly as shown. **DO NOT** make corrections as you type.

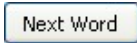
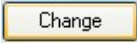
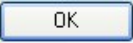
Mom said I devoured to much cake but I don't no what that means.

CHECK Homonyms

You want to check for homonyms in the sentence you just added, so highlight just that sentence.



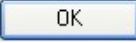
1. Click . Notice that Homonym Checker is very similar to the Spell Checker.
2. The first homonym found, “I” is correct so click  to find the next homonym.
3. The word “to” is highlighted. You want to see what your other choices are.
4. Click each homonym and in the **Suggestions** box to select it. Notice that the definition for the selected word appears in the **Definition** box.
5. Click  to the right of the **Suggestions** box and then the **Definitions** box to hear the word and definition spoken aloud.
6. You have learned from the definition that “to” should be spelled “too”, so click **too:also** in the **Suggestions** list and click .

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7. The next two homonyms found (“**but**” and “**I**”) are correct, so click  after each. The word “**no**” is highlighted.
8. In the **Suggestions** box, select **know:understand** and click .
9. Click  to close the Homonym Checker.


DISCOVER the Dictionary

If you still need more assistance selecting the right word, you can use the Franklin Talking Dictionary.

1. Highlight the word “**devoured**” and click .
2. You learn that the definition for “**devoured**” by reading the **Definition** field. You can also click  next to the **Sentence**, **Suggestions** or **Definition** field to hear the contents of the field.
3. Click  to close the Dictionary.

MARK for Deletion

Mark for Deletion is a safe way for writers to consider removing text from their document without actually getting rid of it permanently.



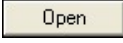
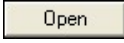



1. Highlight the sentence, “**I went swimming.**”
2. Click . The selected text becomes red with a line through it.

Your work should look like this:

My summer vacation was fun. I went to the zoo. I played in the park with my friends. ~~I went swimming.~~ Mom said I devoured too much cake but I don't know what that means.

3. With the sentence still highlighted, click  a second time to return the text to its original appearance OR press the **Delete** key on your keyboard to remove the sentence completely.

ADD a Picture

1. Place your cursor where you want to add a picture (go to the end of your work by clicking ).
2. Press **Enter/Return** to add a space and click .
3. Highlight the picture (**Zebra cake-cut the cake.jpg**) you want and click . If your picture is in a different location, click the **Look in** drop-down and find your picture and click .
4. Click the picture and click  or  to change the size of the picture.
5. Click the picture and click  to center your picture.

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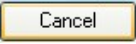
Your work should look like this:

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Zebra cake-cut the cake.jpg


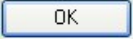
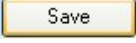
PRINT and SAVE

1. In the **File** menu, select **Print**.
2. Look at the options for printing outline and eText. Outlines can be printed as study guides.
3. Click .

4. In the toolbar, click .


5. Name the document **Summer Vacation** and click .

Note: The file name is saved followed by **.djs**. You can also save your work in a different folder.

To do this, click , select the folder, click  and click .

QUIT Write:OutLoud

- **Windows:** In the **File** menu, select **Quit/Exit**.
- **Macintosh:** In the **WOL** menu, select **Quit WOL**.

Note: To open this file at a later time, click  on the toolbar. If you did not save your work in a different location, your file is saved in the **My Documents** folder (Windows) or **Documents** folder (Macintosh).

Congratulations! You have just used Write:OutLoud 6 to write, revise and edit!