Free assistive technology readily available

- On iphones/ipad:
  a) **Siri** for speech recognition. This works whenever you get up a keyboard (click the microphone icon) – no training needed. It is also possible to navigate the internet with it.
  b) Accessibility – speech: for **text to speech**
  c) **Predictive text**: this works on IOS8 whenever you get up a keyboard (select the appropriate word as it appears at the top of the keyboard)
  d) **Predictive text**: Spell Better (free from the app store)

- On laptops/PCs/tablets:
  a) Most newish computers come with **speech recognition** and **text to speech.** Type the required technology in 'search programs and files' in the start button. Before using speech recognition some training is required and this is not necessarily child friendly.
  b) **Speech Recognition** without training**:** Dragon Naturally Speaking App for touch screens and tablets
  c) **Speech Recognition** that is child friendly: Dragon Naturally Speaking (about £100) – some training needed.

- General:
  a) Mobile phone/tablet **camera** for photos of homework and notes on the board, for example.

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