



Read&Write at Belfast Metropolitan College – assisting students with literacy requirements

Belfast Metropolitan College are committed to providing a quality learning experience to all of their students and as part of this dedication have a long history with Read&Write GOLD, with ongoing purchases of the literacy support software to assist students with literacy difficulties.

The College has over 48,000 students enrolled on full-time and part-time courses, making it one of the largest colleges of Further and Higher Education in the UK.

Grainne McMullan, Specialist Tutor at Belfast Metropolitan College comments “We see first-hand the usefulness of the Read&Write software for students’ literacy requirements in relation to their courses. We can depend on the product’s reliability and its strengths in assisting students to overcome their difficulties with written assignments and research”

Read&Write GOLD is Texthelp’s award-winning literacy support software designed to assist students with literacy difficulties. The software works discreetly with all mainstream Windows applications (including MS Windows 7), allowing users the opportunity to work in an inclusive manner alongside their colleagues. Read&Write GOLD improves access to Virtual Learning Environments (VLEs) and Digital Exams.

Read&Write GOLD is easy to use and features include: Screen Masking (to tint or mask sections of the window), Texthelp Voices (new text-to-speech voices), a Translator which translates selected words into French, Spanish, German or Italian, enhanced Spelling, Dictionary & Homophone support, and the software echoes back Dragon text.



Grainne continues “Most students use the software to assist with the practical elements of an assignment, particularly assisting with improving the speed of reading, writing fluently and proofreading assignments prior to final submission; banking vocabulary and the use of the pronunciation tutor is very useful. Read&Write GOLD is also discrete and other students are unaware of the student’s literacy difficulties, which makes the software very appealing.

Students benefit from using the software as it allows them to complete assignments on time (students with literacy difficulties can work away at the same pace as other students as the software is so user-friendly and accessible). Read&Write also helps students to develop their literacy skills i.e. learn to pronounce words correctly, identify syllables for spelling etc, and it increases their reading speed.

For further information on Read&Write, please contact Elaine on Tel: 028 9442 8105, email elaine@texthelp.com or visit our website www.texthelp.com

About Texthelp Systems Ltd

Texthelp Systems Ltd is the worldwide leader of literacy software solutions provided through three core business divisions: Education, Speech Services and Publishing. Texthelp has been developing assistive technology software for the learning disabled community since 1996. The aim has always been to provide the most comprehensive cutting-edge technology available to provide inclusive education.

Based in Antrim, N. Ireland and with offices in the US, Texthelp is currently experiencing a period of sustained year on year growth. The company has a reseller network covering over 20 countries.

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