

Earth Science student uses Read&Write GOLD to adopt other forms of learning to conquer dyslexia

David Baker is a part-time student on a distance learning course with the Open University. He started his Geology, Earth Science degree in February 2010 and has now completed year two of the course. David studies and teaches Maths to others to support him with his degree, as David claims “the two subjects are interlinked”.

David expresses how he uses Read&Write GOLD “I use the software for the text-to-speech element and mainly for reading purposes. As I have dyslexia it means that I have had to adopt other forms of learning. Read&Write software has enabled me to adapt, by having other ways of studying rather than reading a traditional printed book. I can access much more written materials through the various Read&Write features; PDF Aloud, one click Scan facility and the Speech Maker.

The scanning facility allows me to scan books or other paper based materials, I can use the PDF Aloud feature to have the text read back to me. I can follow the words along whilst reading which helps with my concentration. The Read&Write features help me to retain more information than I would if I were reading alone.”

David remarks “The Speech Maker is my most favourite feature. By converting text into MP3 format I can burn the audio file onto a disc and listen to the information whilst driving in my car. It means that I can digest the information easier and also do some light study whilst I am on the go. I have recommended the software to others as Texthelp’s Read&Write is the only software that has the capacity to offer such fantastic text-to-speech facilities. I will consider using the software in the workplace in a full-time role.”

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

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