Solutions for the Blind or Visually Impaired and for People with Learning and Reading Difficulties
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Sight and Sound Technology

Solutions for the blind or visually impaired and for people with learning and reading difficulties

Sight and Sound Technology is the UK's leading provider of hardware and software to the blind, visually impaired and those with learning and reading difficulties. We work in unison with private individuals, charitable organisations, educational establishments and commercial enterprises to help our users fully realise their potential. Our product solutions have been specifically designed to improve quality of life at work, at study or in the home.

A commitment to continual product refinement and innovation means that our solutions are the best available. What's more, they're simple to set up and easy-to-use.

Sight and Sound Technology is a nationwide company. Our Head Office is located in Northampton, which enables us to provide our customers with responsive training and support at the location of the end-user. We work in conjunction with our customers and suppliers to ensure that their experiences are factored into new products that we develop in combination with our partners, the leading companies in this industry.

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JAWS®

The world’s most powerful screen reading software

Powerful access to screen content

Developed for computer users whose vision loss prevents them from seeing screen content, JAWS reads aloud the information displayed on the PC screen. JAWS, the world’s most popular screen reader has been designed to work with the most popular applications.

Compatible with the most frequently used workplace and classroom applications

JAWS enables you to work with Microsoft® Office Suite, MSN Messenger®, Corel® WordPerfect, Adobe® Acrobat Reader®, Internet Explorer™, Firefox™ - and many more applications that are used on a regular basis at work and in school.

Unrivalled Braille support

With a refreshable braille display, JAWS also provides braille output in addition to, or instead of speech. An array of versatile features and customisable options lets you tailor JAWS for your individual needs and preferences.

JAWS features:

• Installation supported by a talking installer - fast and easy to use.
• Two multi-lingual speech synthesisers - Eloquence™ and RealSpeak™ Solo Direct.
• DAISY™-formatted basic training in text and audio.
• More than 15 years experience working with Windows, distributed in 50 countries, and translated into 23 languages.
• Fully compatible with MAGic® screen magnification software.
ZoomText® Magnifier/Screen Reader

The total low-vision solution

With the new ZoomText, seeing and hearing everything on your computer screen is clearer than ever. ZoomText's xFont™ magnification displays high-definition text that you'll recognise effortlessly. With NeoSpeech® synthesisers, your applications and documents are read aloud by friendly, human-sounding voices right through your computer's speakers. With ZoomText's productivity tools, finding what you're looking for is quick and easy.

Special Application Support

Built in support for popular applications – including Microsoft® Office suite (Word, Excel, Outlook), Adobe Acrobat®, Adobe Reader®, Firefox™ and Java™ – allowing you to read and navigate your documents with 100% accuracy.

Key new features in ZoomText

• Smooth Panning.
• Built-in Scripting Support.
• New Dual Monitor Support.
• New Focus Enhancements.
• New logon support for Windows Vista.

USB versions of ZoomText Magnifier/Magnifier Reader are also available.

ZoomText Large-Print Keyboard

The new ZoomText Large-Print Keyboard provides large, high-contrast lettering that's easy to see, even in low light conditions and features 18 programmable keys.
ZoomWare®

Revolutionary screen magnification software at a low cost

ZoomWare is an affordable screen magnifier designed for those who squint at the computer screen and lean in to read the fine print. ZoomWare provides a gentle boost of magnification (up to 2 times) so that hard to read text is larger, clearer and easier to see. You can also apply a soft tint to white areas of the screen or reverse all colours to eliminate that familiar blinding glare.

Have trouble finding the mouse pointer and text cursor? ZoomWare lets you adjust the size and colour of the pointer and apply eye-catching locators to the cursor making them easy to see and follow.

Kurzweil 1000™

Bringing the printed word to life

Kurzweil 1000 is an award-winning software that makes printed or electronic text readily available to people who are blind or visually impaired. It combines accessibility, communication and productivity tools to ease and enhance their reading, writing and learning experience.

Kurzweil 1000 enables quick access to a wealth of information including online books, magazines and encyclopaedias so users can pursue any reading interests. They can also take their reading wherever they go by sending files to Braille note takers and embossers as well as portable devices such as DAISY™ and MP3 audio players.
**MAGic®**

Magnification software for a low-vision solution

**Magnify your PC screen up to 36 times with MAGic**

Now computer users who need low vision aids due to macular degeneration, retinitis pigmentosa or other causes of low vision can take control of Web and software application pages. No longer will you struggle with text too small to see and images with indecipherable details. MAGic screen magnification software not only increases the size of what you see on a monitor, but MAGic with Speech will also speak aloud screen contents. MAGic makes school research on the Web less challenging for those with vision loss. It smooths the way for work projects that involve report writing, spreadsheets, and working with common office-related software. MAGic even makes leisure Web browsing, letter writing, blogging, chatting, and other everyday activities that involve the computer.

**MAGic screen magnifier features:**

Customise your monitor view for ease of reading: add tinting to your screen, or set the contents of your screen to appear in monochrome. You can also invert brightness and colours, and switch the colours of the text and background - whatever makes it most comfortable for you to read.

- Eliminate screen glare and boost contrast, using the colour enhancements feature.

- Keep track of your mouse pointer and cursor with customisable controls.

- Learn to use MAGic in a breeze. It comes with both talking and large-print installation and more than five hours of basic training in accessible DAISY™ text and audio.
OpenBook™

Scanning and Reading Software

OpenBook converts printed documents or graphic-based text into an electronic text format on your PC, using quality speech and the latest optical character recognition (OCR) technology.

Easy switching between the Nuance OmniPage® and ABBYY FineReader® OCR engines allows you to choose the OCR engine that works best for your particular use. You can also choose between two leading text-to-speech software synthesisers: RealSpeak™ Solo (natural, human-sounding voices) or Eloquence™ (efficient synthesised speech that often is preferred for editing and document skimming).

Customise your viewing

With so many low vision features, you can tailor the appearance of text on your screen (font style, size, character spacing, and colour), view with split-screen and compare your original document and OCR conversion results, use Masking and Word Spotlighting to help you follow text as it is read, and more.

Maximise your productivity

Our Launch Manager lets you easily export OpenBook documents to other applications like Microsoft® Word or Notepad, so you can share with others. With the fax capability, send and receive faxes using your PC modem. Use OpenBook to create photocopies of printed documents and import documents from other applications and read and work with them in OpenBook.

Mark up your documents

Use the Highlight feature to mark important passages of a document for later reference and to quickly navigate within your document.
**kReader Mobile®**

The ultra-portable hand-held scan and read device

The kReader mobile is a major advancement in portability and functionality of print access for struggling readers and those learning a second language. Developed under the direction of Assistive Technology pioneer Ray Kurzweil the kReader Mobile software package runs on a multifunction mobile phone and allows users to snap a picture of virtually any printed document, including mail, receipts, handouts, memos and many other documents. The proprietary document analysis technology determines the words and reads them aloud to the user. Reading in other languages is available, along with translation between languages. This is a truly portable solution to reading on the go, allowing users to read whatever they want, wherever they happen to be.

**The ultimate in flexibility and mobility for the blind and visually impaired**

The kReader® solution is further enhanced through the addition of TALKS™ screen reading software, enabling the device for the blind and visually impaired. The fully integrated software solution allows the user to read mail, receipts and other printed matter.

Additionally, with the use of the optional screen reader software, the user can read back access to the other functions of the phone device including making and receiving phone calls, personal information management such as contacts, calendar, and web browsing. Also contains the ability to run accessible GPS programs, access Adobe® PDF files, voice recorder, music player and much more.
TALKS™

Mobile phone accessible screen reader

TALKS converts the displayed text on the mobile handset into highly intelligible speech. With TALKS, blind and low-vision users can take advantage of most features, including contacts, caller ID, text messages, help files, access to the Nokia web browser, and other screen content, available on their mobile phones.

Audio feedback when writing or reading text messages, emails, and notes

Automatic or manual caller ID announcement

Network, battery, and other status indicators read out

Define different speech rates for normal read-out and the spelling of text.

Various options for reading numbers

Echo mode for those who like to use the T9 dictionary when entering text.

Echo Passwords mode lets a user hear the letters entered into a password field.

Control over volume and speaking rate

Supports many third-party applications

Supports IM+ (Instant Messenger) [S60], the Wayfinder GPS application [S60], and numerous other 3rd-party applications.

Full Integration with Wayfinder Access

**Only available when purchased with a kReader Mobile®.**
Mobile Speak™

Mobile phone and PDA accessible screen reader

Mobile Speak screen reader application installed on a mobile phone or personal digital assistant (PDA), which allows a user to use the device even if you cannot read the visual screen. Information displayed on the screen is rendered in synthesised speech output generated using text-to-speech (TTS) technology and routed through the device’s speaker or a headset. Screen contents can also be presented in Braille if the mobile phone or PDA is connected to a Braille device with a refreshable Braille display. Speech and Braille output can be used at the same time, or independently, to do the following:

Make and receive calls, and manage your contacts and call lists.

Review the numbers entered in the dialer screen, and check the caller ID on incoming calls.

Compose and read text messages (SMS), multimedia messages (MMS), and e-mail.

Browse the Internet.

Create and read different types of files.

Schedule appointments and tasks, and keep track of them using alarms and reminders.

Listen to locally saved media files or Internet audio streams.

Configure phone settings, profiles and ringtones, speed dial keys and voice tags.

Use other programs such as the Notes application, calculator, instant messenger, and file system browser.

Share data between your device and other mobile phones and computers.
TOPAZ™

Desktop video magnifier

Now you can maintain control over the essential, everyday activities of your life: leisure reading, corresponding with friends and family, reading bills, and prescriptions, enjoying sewing and other hobbies, and much more.

The TOPAZ with its bright, high-contrast image, large moveable reading table, and easy to reach and use buttons is a must for every home where people with macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and other forms of low vision love to read books, do crossword puzzles, and see the details in cherished family photos.

The TOPAZ Features include:

• Freeze Frame - capture and hold images whilst important information is being copied.

• LCD Monitor - Adjustable height and tilt for your viewing comfort.

• Magnification Dial - Adjust magnification from 3 times up to 82 times the actual size.

• Colour Panel - Simple, accessible controls for colour selection and brightness.

• Position Locator Beam - Easily guides you to exact document placement.

• Reading Table - Generous size, with fingertip control and wide side-to-side motion.

Choose the model that fits your needs:

• WideScreen Flat Panel model - 22" LCD monitor with height and tilt adjustment

• Flat monitor model - 17" or 19" LCD monitor with height and tilt adjustment

• Camera-only model - Connect to a TV or computer monitor
ONYX Deskset™
Portable, versatile answers to low vision needs

The ONYX Deskset17 and ONYX Deskset 19 feature the versatile ONYX camera mounted to a 17" or 19" flat panel monitor. Self-contained ONYX Deskset models provide users with the ultimate in distance and up-close magnification in a compact, easy-to-carry unit that plugs into any standard wall socket.

ONYX Deskset models include a unique rolling carrying case with document pockets, zipped compartment for the power supply and remote control and top-mounted zipper for placing the entire ONYX Deskset inside. Carry with two handles, or wheel your ONYX Deskset behind you with the telescopic handle.

An ONYX Deskset is the ideal magnification solution for school, work, or anywhere that on-the-go magnification is needed.

ONYX™ Camera Series
Portable, versatile answers to low vision needs

The ONYX camera works with your TV to deliver magnification up to 100x, based on a 20-inch TV screen. Use it in any room where there is a TV – it’s small, lightweight, and portable. The ONYX camera comes in two unique options:

• The Swing-arm
• The Flex-arm

Both provide distance views, document views, and self views and are available with PC connectivity.
SARA (Scanning and Reading Appliance) is an affordable and easy-to-use solution for those with low vision, are blind or deaf-blind. The SARA enables the reading of a wide variety of printed material including books, documents, mail, newspapers, magazines, and so much more. Using Optical Character Recognition (OCR) technology, the SARA works like a computer scanner that recognises text, translates it into speech, then reads the text aloud.

The advanced technology of the SARA does not get in the way of ease of use.

For those with low vision and little to no computer experience, the SARA is the solution for reading small type. Right out of the box, you can place a book on the SARA, press a button to scan your reading material and have it read back to you. Set the SARA to read continuously, or listen line by line or word by word. If you don't understand a word, have it spelled out. Pause when you need to, rewind, and fast forward. The tactile buttons are large, colourful, and easy to access and identify.

The blind and deaf-blind have the additional option of built-in braille support. Just connect either a Focus™ or PAC Mate™ Portable braille display to the USB port of the SARA and any scanned document can be read in braille.

Choose from reading voices that are the most natural-sounding and pleasant of any standalone scanning and reading system. The SARA features 36 male and female voices and 35 major languages plus 16 dialects.

The SARA plays most audio formats, including Digital Accessible Information System (DAISY™)-formatted talking books for the blind, and even comes with a starter library of 100 classic audio books!
**SAPPHIRE™**

The best on-the-go low vision reading magnifier

Macular degeneration, glaucoma, cataracts, and other causes of vision loss will no longer prevent you from reading small print on menus, maps, receipts, medicine bottles, and other items. With the battery operated SAPPHIRE portable magnifier, you can magnify reading and detailed illustrations from 3.4 to 16 times on a bright, high-contrast display screen while at the bus stops, on trips near and far, and at home as you move from room to room.

A sliding magnification bar makes it easy to adjust and re-adjust the SAPPHIRE to the level you need for any size type in any situation. Easily go from reading the larger type on a bill to fine print on a receipt - and back again. There's no frustrating distortion or readjusting when you move the SAPPHIRE unlike with a magnifying glass.

A unique freeze frame function allows you to capture important information such as telephone numbers and to carry that number with you to use later.

Write with the aid of the SAPPHIRE - or connect it to your TV

The built-in reading stand gives you space to work under the camera with a small tool or the tip of a pen or pencil. Use the SAPPHIRE to take notes, jot down important phone messages and numbers, and fill out forms.

Want even more magnification whilst at home? Connect the SAPPHIRE to your TV to magnify up to 48 times on a 21-inch TV.
RUBY™

Handheld Video Magnifier

For the many people who need help reading text and seeing details because of low vision, traditional magnifying glasses work only up to a point. The RUBY video magnifier takes handheld magnification to the next level and beyond. The RUBY’s 4-inch full colour, high brightness video screen makes it outstanding for reading bills and writing letters and cheques.

It is so small and unobtrusive that it easily slips into a pocket or purse as the perfect travelling companion for visiting shops, the chemist, the bank, the library, bookshops, restaurants, or anywhere else.

The RUBY is easy to use for those who are unfamiliar with technology products. Just turn it on with one button, place it over an object, and adjust enlargement to your preference with the easy zoom button. The unit stays flat on the table, and the magnified image appears in the display window. With only one button, you can adjust the screen from full colour for viewing pictures to any of four high contrast text modes.

Flip out the convenient handle and use the RUBY like a conventional magnifying glass – but see everything with enhanced contrast and NO DISTORTION.

Press the Freeze Frame button to capture the image and bring it close for comfortable reading.
PACMate Omni™ Series
The revolutionary Windows Mobile Device for the Visually Impaired

The revolutionary PACMate Omni incorporates JAWS® for Windows Screen Reader and Microsoft Windows Mobile 2006™ to create the world’s first accessible Pocket PC device for people who are blind. It has two distinctive styles - the Perkins-style device (BX) and the QWERTY style device (QX) - and is an accessible industry standard platform.

The PACMate™ provides access not only to Microsoft Mobile™ software, but it will also run other third-party software - for example software to control your mobile phone. It is easy to add third party hardware, such as a barcode scanner or a wireless LAN or Bluetooth card, making the PACMate an accessible mainstream computing platform, like the desktop PC, having continual access to the latest software and hardware.

PACMate™ Portable Braille Displays
Convenient, Familiar & Affordable Portable Braille Displays

Access to information via refreshable Braille is now available in its most compact form. The PAC Mate Portable Braille Display not only makes your PAC Mate more accessible, but can also be used with desktops and laptops.

Featuring a low-cost, simple platform, this refreshable Braille unit adds functionality to computers with USB ports.
Esys™ 12 and 40 Cell Braille Displays

Multifunction portable Braille display with integrated Braille keyboard

The Esys 12 and 40 cells Braille displays have an integrated Braille keyboard.

It's 10 key Braille keyboard, gives you the possibility to reproduce all the standard key combinations, both for typing and navigation, so that you will be able to totally control your mobile phone, your PDA or your personal computer.

Esys 12 and 40 cell Features:

• **BLUETOOTH**: connect to any mobile phone, pocket PC and personal computer equipped with the built-in Bluetooth adaptor.

• **USB**: connect to any personal computer with a USB port and a screen reader on board. Browse your mini SD Card as a removable disk.

• **NOTEPAD**: create and edit simple text files.

• **CALCULATOR**: execute simple calculation and value conversions. Use the memory function to store your results.

• **ALARM CLOCK**: set up different alarms for each day of the week.

• **AGENDA**: set up meetings and appointments. All information can be saved as a text file which can then be transferred to your computer.

• **TOOLS**: test the battery, keyboard and Braille cells status, select additional languages and update software versions.
Focus™ 40 and 80 Braille Displays

Focus Refreshable Braille Displays with Unequalled Control

The latest in Braille display technology, the portable and affordable Focus 40 and 80 puts you in control as you smoothly navigate the Windows environment. The Focus 40 and 80 is packed with advanced features and options that can be easily configured through JAWS® for Windows. Simple to connect - just plug the Focus 40 or 80 into a PC or notebook computer via USB.

Quickly move around documents with natural hand movements and greater productivity. Read documents and email, work with spreadsheets and surf the Internet - all with unparalleled speed and efficiency. Advanced navigation features are designed so your hands seldom need to move from the Braille display.

Index Braille Embossers®

Basic-D™ (Double-Sided)

Everest™ (Single Sheet, Double-Sided)

A Braille embosser is a an impact printer, that renders text as Braille.

A Braille embosser transfers computer generated text into embossed Braille output. Translation programs convert text scanned in or generated via standard word processing programs into Braille that can be printed on the embosser.
Computer Solutions
Netbooks, Laptops, PC's and All-In-Ones

From Netbooks to Laptops, PC's to All-in-Ones, Sight and Sound Technology have a computer solution that's right for any individual.

Sight and Sound Technology have a netbook solution, which is lightweight and has both WiFi and Bluetooth connectivity.

Boasting up to eight hours battery life, a 10.2 inch screen, and ergonomic keyboard, it is easy to understand why so many people are finding a Netbook an invaluable tool to meet their needs.

Combine the Netbook with JAWS® for Windows screen reader, or an Esys™ 12 or 40 cell Bluetooth Braille display, and you have the ultimate mobile solution.

Specifications:
- Microsoft Windows XP® Home
- Intel® Atom™ processor N270 (1.6GHz, 533MHz, 512KB, 2.5W)
- 1GB (DDR2 / 1GB x 1) System Memory
- Display LCD 10.2" WSVGA (1024 x 600) LED Anti-Glare Display
- Graphic Processor Intel® 945GSE (Integrated Graphics)
- Multimedia Sound HD (High Definition) Audio
- Speaker 2W Stereo Speaker (1W x 2)
- Integrated Camera 1.3 Mega Pixel integrated digital motion camera
- 160GB Hard drive (5400 rpm S-ATA)
- Wired Ethernet LAN 10/100 LAN
- Wireless LAN Atheros 802.11b.g
- Bluetooth 2.0 + EDR
Dragon NaturallySpeaking®

Turn talk into type

Dragon NaturallySpeaking gives you the power to create documents, reports, emails and more - all by speaking. Just use your voice to dictate and edit in Microsoft Word™ and Excel™, Corel WordPerfect™ and virtually all Windows-based applications.

You can even dictate into a handheld device when you’re away from your PC or use a Bluetooth microphone. It’s never been easier to use - no script reading required, so you can get started right away.

Dragon NaturallySpeaking is the fast, easy and accurate way to turn speech into text more than three times faster than typing. Dictate into virtually any windows-based application at up to 99% accuracy. Edit documents, control applications and manage your desktop all by speaking.

Dragon NaturallySpeaking is not only the ideal solution for busy professionals, but is also of great benefit to students with learning difficulties such as dyslexia, or disabilities such as carpal tunnel syndrome.

Create simple commands that automate complex, multi-step tasks. Easily import unique words to the Dragon NaturallySpeaking Professional vocabulary, such as company or product names.

**Dragon NaturallySpeaking Features:**

- Up to 99% accurate and three times faster than typing.
- Streamline complex or repetitive document-creation tasks.
- Network ready.
- Provide accessibility for disabled workers and protect employees from repetitive stress related injuries.
- Multi user licences available.
WYNN®

Literacy Software Solution

WYNN is the innovative literacy software tool designed to enhance success for individuals with reading challenges and writing difficulties.

WYNN transforms printed text into understandable information that benefits readers of all ages.

Ease of use

WYNN’s left-side navigation panel provides a simple solution to move from one document to another.

Educational Benefits

Four colour-coded rotating toolbars with a simple point-and-click interface. WYNN supports different learning styles using proven educational teaching strategies.

WebMasking

WYNN’s patented feature masks out distracting areas of the Web page, helping users focus on important information.

WYNN Features:

- Text is highlighted in context as it is spoken aloud
- Full editing capabilities
- Clear, natural sounding speech
- Scanned-in pages retain original layout
- Text adjustment by line spacing, word spacing and size
- Built-in talking dictionary and thesaurus
- Traditional study tools — highlighting, bookmarking, text and voice notes, and more
- Ability to read the Internet
- Word prediction
- Homophones
- MP3 and WAV Conversion
Kurzweil 3000™

The leading PC-based reading system

Kurzweil 3000 is the comprehensive reading, writing and learning software solution for any struggling reader, including individuals with learning difficulties, such as dyslexia, attention deficit disorder or those who are learning English as an additional language.

Kurzweil 3000 provides a complete set of writing tools, based on research and best practices and support for all levels of student writers. Unlike other software programs, these tools are available in one program, so students do not have to learn and move between multiple applications. This results in that the students can better managing the complex tasks associated with fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and writing.

With Kurzweil 3000, students and educators can mark main ideas, extract outlines, create voice notes and add annotations. Tools such as audible spellchecking, word prediction, dictionaries and synonyms facilitate writing.

Students can instantly email Kurzweil 3000 documents using their favourite email application or search and retrieve complete books from the Internet.

All Kurzweil 3000 for Windows products are available in network editions, where students can log on from any networked computer running Kurzweil 3000 and access their personal settings and files. Educators and network administrators can centrally track student usage and progress, and control the number of licences in use.

In addition, the new Remote License-to-Go™ feature, allows the granting of licences to laptops, so users can access Kurzweil 3000 without being connected to the network. As a result, teachers and students alike benefit by accessing Kurzweil 3000 in or out of the classroom.
TextHelp Read&Write GOLD®

Literacy support tool

Read&Write GOLD is a literacy support tool designed to assist users of all ages who require extra assistance when reading or composing text. The software provides continuity by supporting users throughout education from primary through to tertiary level and into the workplace.

Read&Write GOLD offers support functionality frequently absent in mainstream Microsoft® Windows applications. In addition, it provides a host of study features to assist any user with research and composition. The software is available in 3 ways:

• On USB: Read&Write GOLD Mobile.
• On Disk: Read&Write GOLD Single.
• On your Network: Read&Write GOLD Site Licence.

Read&Write GOLD is an easy to use toolbar that "floats" on top of any open application. Assistance is available for users as they are working.

Read&Write Gold Features:

• NEW Screen Masking.
• NEW High Quality Voices.
• ENHANCED Phonetic Spell Checker.
• ENHANCED Word Prediction.
• ENHANCED Homophone Support.
• ENHANCED Speaking Dictionary.
• ENHANCED Fact Mapper.
• ENHANCED Translator.
• ENHANCED Screenshot Reader.
• Study Skills Toolbar.
• Word Wizard.
• Web Highlighting.
• One-click Scanning.
• Speech Maker.
• Daisy Reader.
• Speech Input.
• PDF Aloud.
• Scientific Calculator.
• Teachers' Toolkit.
• User Definable Toolbar.
• Single Word Display.
• Summarise Tool.
• Pronunciation Tutor.
• Text-to-speech functionality.
Rationale®

Simply Better Thinking - Critical Thinking Software

Rationale is the most effective software tool for building students' critical thinking skills. It can be used across all curriculum areas at tertiary, secondary and primary levels of education.

Rationale uses argument mapping to help students organise, structure and evaluate their reasoning and communicate it with structure and clarity.

A unique feature of Rationale is the Essay Planner Templates. These provide students with a guided path to build essays which can then be exported to Microsoft Word™.

Rationale provides a visual framework to consider the pros and cons of an issue, weigh up evidence, analyse arguments to make a case and provides the tools to guide, develop and enhance thinking skills.

Here are some of its features that assist the process for better thinking in the classroom:

• Templates for creating various essays, letters, scientific experiments, conclusion and many more.
• Basic boxes to show breadth of reason.
• Questioning Tools for consequences, perspectives, brainstorming and alternatives.
• Reasoning Tools for analysing, evaluating, justifying and concluding.
Inspiration®

The essential tools to visualise, think, organise and learn

Inspiration is the essential tool students rely on to plan, research and complete projects successfully. With the integrated Diagram and Outline views, they create graphic organisers and expand topics into writing. This powerful combination encourages learning in multiple modes. As a result, students gain and retain a better understanding of concepts and demonstrate knowledge; improving their performance across the curriculum.

Inspiration helps students organise information, develop thinking skills and demonstrate knowledge. Drag-and-drop actions and hyperlinks make it easy to gather, research and connect to files and Web resources.

Kidspiration®

The visual way to think, write and learn

Created for younger learners, Kidspiration provides an easy way to apply the proven principles of visual learning. Pupils, build graphic organisers by combining pictures, text and spoken words to represent thoughts and information. Younger learners develop early literacy skills, and more advanced students improve comprehension skills and better organise ideas for writing.

The powerful combination of visual representations, text-based outlines and Kidspiration’s speech capabilities, encourages learning in multiple modes.

Pupils advance through the writing process, developing well-organised stories and reports as well as improving their comprehension skills.
Classroom Suite™
Software for building reading, writing and number skills

Classroom Suite allows children to use ICT to learn reading, writing and maths at their own pace.

It provides children with instruction, constructive practice and embedded assessments which allows teachers to gauge progress and tailor activities to the child.

Classroom Suite Features:

• Reading instructions aligned with national standards.
• Maths instruction, targeting number sense and fluency
• Writing templates cover many genres
• Creativity tools for whole class instruction and individual presentation
• Early Learning activities for emergent learners

Model, Practise, Apply

Classroom Suite complements your scheme of work. Great teachers show you how (Model), support guided practice with the class (Practise) and then let the children have a go (Apply).

With Classroom Suite children are led through three stages:

• Show Me - the computer plays a video-like sequence to show the child how it is done.
• Practise - the child practises and learns as the software provides help and encouragement.
• Challenge - lets the children apply what they have learnt. Teachers can easily monitor and collate the results for themselves.

Classroom Suite contains many ready-made templates which include flexible and creative activities to be used with the whole class or individual children.
Braille Transcription and Proof Reading Service

Sight and Sound Technology now offers a Braille transcription and proofreading service to meet your specific requirements. Whether you need a Braille copy of one of our product manuals, or have an electronic document of your own for transcribing; we are able to provide a fast, efficient service tailored to your individual needs.

We can transcribe and proofread documents produced in Microsoft Office, text and rich text formats, and aim to have them returned to you by courier within two working days of receipt. Completed work can be bound, stapled, or held together with treasury tags, depending on length.

If you already produce your own Braille, but have nobody to proofread it for you, we can also offer a high quality service with fast turn-around times. Simply send us the Braille you want proofread and we can return it, giving you peace of mind of knowing your documents are accurate.
Customer Training

Sight and Sound Technology employs full-time certified trainers to provide both basic and advanced instruction for today’s most popular Microsoft® applications, which can be delivered to groups or on a one-to-one basis.

Our trainers provide advice, support and training for the blind or visually impaired and for people with learning and reading difficulties and organisations who support disabilities, on a range of access technology products such as JAWS® for Windows screen reader, MAGic® and ZoomText® screen magnifiers, Braille devices and video magnifiers.

With in depth knowledge and understanding of the diverse needs of every individual, Sight and Sound Technology will tailor/design training to meet customers’ specific requirements. Training can be provided in a place of work, study or at home or within our training room in Northampton.

Courses are open to anyone from beginner to advanced PC skills and to clients with and without disabilities. Where required, accessible hardware and software can be provided for the purpose of the training.
Scriptwriting and Configuration

Sight and Sound offers custom scriptwriting services for JAWS® screen reading software, ZoomText screen magnification and Dragon NaturallySpeaking®. We can evaluate and assess all of your requirements for scriptwriting, from the most basic of bespoke applications to the more advanced. All our JAWS scriptwriters have been fully trained by Freedom Scientific, who have passed on their superior knowledge and give their constant support.

All custom configuration undertaken is supported with our lifetime software support package.

Customer Support

With every hardware and software solution, Sight and Sound Technology offers a lifetime telephone support package during normal working hours and, in addition to this, customers can also benefit from our online technical support via email.
Disabled Students Allowance

The Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) is available for UK students with disabilities (including dyslexia) who are undertaking full-time courses in higher education. Part-time students, studying on a designated part-time higher education course are also eligible for DSAs, as are postgraduate students.

Our aim is to be a one-stop-shop, providing students with everything they need for the software/equipment part of their DSA. We also work with Disability Officers and Assessors to help simplify and speed up the whole process.

As well as a team of staff dedicated to student telephone support, assessors also benefit from the use of InSight, our online pricing and quotation tool, visit www.sightandsound.co.uk/quotes. For further information on InSight, or to register your details, please telephone 0345 634 7979 or email info@sightandsound.co.uk

Access To Work

Access to Work can help you if your health or disability affects the way you do your job. Access to Work provides the employee and the employer with advice and support regarding the extra costs which may arise because of an employee’s needs. Access to Work often pay towards the equipment employees need at work.

Employees may be able to receive funding from Access to Work if they are;

• in a paid job
• unemployed and about to start work, or
• self-employed,

and their disability or health condition stops them from being able to do parts of their job.

Sight and Sound Technology deal with Access To Work assessors on a daily basis. Our broad product range means that we are a true one stop shop. Our experienced professional services team are able to advise not only the employee but also the assessor and the employer on the best technology solution to meet the employee’s needs. We can then train the individual to become an effective employee.
Sight and Sound Technology has been providing solutions for the blind, visually impaired and people with reading difficulties for over 30 years.

We supply technologically advanced equipment and software to meet the diverse spectrum of individual needs, with support offered by trained service personnel.

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