

Text2Speech - Giving Writing a Voice



Text2Speech™

Available Spring 2009

The new Text2Speech device and NEO's built-in SmartApplet software let you convert any written text into spoken words. By purchasing this affordable, easy-to-use add-on device for NEO 1 and NEO 2, you can enable students of all abilities to expand their learning experience through its text-to-speech capability.

As you enter text into your NEO it is passed through an infrared connection to the Text2Speech box where it is read back either through headphones or speakers.

Text2Speech also supports the Co:Writer SmartApplet making NEO, Co:Writer and Text2Speech a great special needs solution.

AlphaSmart Accessories

AlphaSmart Carrying Cases

AlphaSmart offers a range of carrying cases allowing you to protect, carry and store your AlphaSmart keyboard.



Classic Carry Case

Backpack

Portfolio

Slip Case

Neoprene Case

Other AlphaSmart Solutions

NEO2™



The No Nonsense Classroom Learning Tool

NEO 2 includes all the functionality of NEO 1 with the addition of innovative wireless technology that allows wireless printing, voting and assessment functionality and Accelerated Reader™ compatibility. Visit our website or pick up a NEO 2 brochure to find out more.

Get More Out of Your Classroom Voting System

Including the 2Know! Toolbar voting system and AccelTest assessment software, CRS is inter-compatible with NEO 2 or can be used in its own right to allow instant feedback in class with the added ability to download assignments to each device and display on the built in LCD screen. Go to our website or pick up a CRS brochure to find out more.



Welcome to NEO1™

Every Child a Writer



“If I'd had one of these to help me years ago I would have done so much better.”

Year 9 Student

AlphaSmart
A Division of Renaissance Learning™

alpha (ăl'fa)

n. The first one, the beginning, the brightest star in the constellation, the highest ranked

smart (smärt)

adj. Sharp quick thought, bright, intelligent, stylish

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“The quality of the writing is lifted as they concentrate more on the success criteria rather than on their laboured handwriting.”

Godmanchester Primary School

NEO1TM



The No Nonsense Writing Device

The Rationale

NEO 1 allows your students to get hands on, distraction free access to the essential elements of a word processing application enabling them to get on with their writing tasks quickly and easily.

Once they've finished writing they simply connect the NEO 1 to a computer by USB cable, open any text accepting software and press "Send" on the NEO 1, their text will then transfer to the computer in a matter of seconds.

From here they can format, add fonts and images and perform other more high-end functions in their document on the computer. Importantly this part happens after the text has been written so teachers can be safe in the knowledge that when the NEO 1s are being used nothing but the task in hand is being undertaken.

For project work both in and out of the classroom the NEO 1s are ideal. Their robust, lightweight, energy efficient design means that they can be handed out in the relevant class and then taken to a computer suite and transferred to a PC to add the finishing touches. This enables project work to happen in the classroom and frees up you ICT resources with far more efficiency.

Lower Cost of Ownership

NEO 1's robust, highly energy efficient and simple design coupled with its 3 year warranty means your total cost of ownership compared to a similar number of laptops is dramatically lower, because you save on repair, extended warranty, maintenance and training costs.

NEO 1's Main Features

- A Fully Featured Word Processor including:
 - UK spell-checker and thesaurus
 - Cut, copy and paste functions
 - Word, page and character count
 - And much more...
- Saves work automatically
- Near instant boot up
- Stores up to 200 pages of A4 text
- 5 different display font sizes
- Over 700 hours battery life from the same 3 AA batteries
- Highly robust
- Lightweight
- Full sized keyboard
- 3 Years warranty
- Infrared lens for wireless file transfer between NEOs enables collaborative learning
- KAZ Typing Tutor included as standard, helping students learn to touch type easily and efficiently
- Sends text to any text accepting software on a PC or Mac using USB or infrared connectivity
- Sends text direct to a wide range of printers for printing
- And more besides...

A Great Special Educational Needs Tool

NEO 1 helps improve the quality and quantity of writing by giving each student personalised writing practice.

For special needs students motivation to write is a key factor in developing writing skills and teachers have found that NEO 1 helps to remove some of the barriers to the writing process experienced by some special needs learners.

Students love using NEOs. They write more and more often.

They are not presented with a large blank sheet of paper but see a window for writing which can be relatively quickly filled with words.

So if handwriting is a problem then NEO 1 could be a solution.



Co:Writer for NEO

Co:Writer SmartApplet puts the power of industry standard Co:Writer SE word prediction in the Neo. The result? Pupils get writing support at home, as they travel from home to school, and in the classroom.

Grammar-smart word prediction helps pupils get to the word they want faster so they can write more. Pupils with disabilities maximise their writing efforts with as few keystrokes as possible.

Pupils Overcome Barriers

- Writers with disabilities have more accessibility to writing support
- Struggling pupils write complete, grammatically correct sentences
- Developing writers write longer, more meaningful compositions
- Progressing pupils take useful notes in class

Topic Dictionaries Encourage Correct Word Use

Activate a topic dictionary and pupils get fast access to very specific words and phrases such as Queen of the Nile and



Alexandria. You get dozens of Topic Dictionaries with Co:Writer.

Transfer to PCs For More Writing

Pupils easily transfer their file to any Mac or Windows computer where they can open it in a standard or talking wordprocessor for more writing, editing or rewriting. To continue writing with word prediction on the computer, use Co:Writer SE with FlexSpell and other features.

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