Questions Students Frequently Asked

How will this text-to-speech software help me?
The software’s many features will help you work smarter. Through the software, you can have text read aloud to you at your own pace, and take notes and highlight text when needed. You can also pick which voices you would like to read the text for you. Text-to-speech also has a built-in dictionary and thesaurus that you can use to find more information about words.

Will my grade improve if I use this software?
Our previous studies showed that when Hawai`i high school students used the software for more than 40 minutes per week, their overall reading skills improved. As you become a better reader and understand class materials better, you may be able to improve your grades.

Is text-to-speech software difficult to use?
No, text-to-speech is not hard to use and you will receive training from University of Hawai`i staff on how to use the software.

Will I be graded on this project?
No, the Text-to-Speech project is designed to help you become better at reading and will not be used as a way to grade you during the semester.

Will I have to do anything special in this project other than use the software?
Yes, you will be asked to take a reading test at the beginning and end of the semester. You will also be asked to fill out short surveys about your overall experience after using the software.

Will I have to stay after school to be part of the project?
If your teacher asks you to use the program after school, then you may have to stay after school.

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