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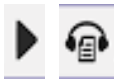
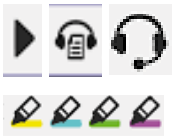
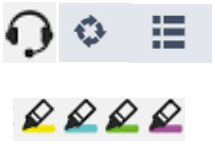
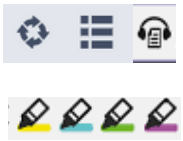
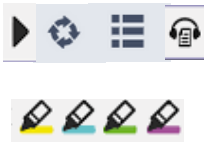
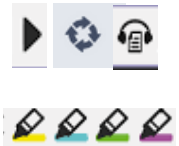
Concentration	I usually study with background music or TV on		Use your Text to Speech or Audio Maker to fill the need for auditory input.
	I find it difficult to sit for long periods of time studying and become easily distracted		Try varying the way you study, use a mix of Text to Speech, dictating your notes, highlighting information or making an audio file.
	I find it difficult to stay engaged in the class. I find myself distracted.		To stay engaged, try typing your notes and opening web searches on your key information within the text during lulls in the presentation.
Listening & Note Taking	My class notes are difficult to understand		Type your notes in bullet points, highlight key information. Use the Talk & Type feature to clarify points after class.
	I usually seem to take down the wrong material into my class notes.		Use the Talk & Type feature to dictate your notes in class (with permission) Highlight key information and collect these highlights to streamline your notes. Create word banks of key information.
	I don't always revise my notes for tests and find it difficult to go back and read them all.		Try turning your typed notes into an mp3 using Audio Maker and listening to notes while you exercise or go for a walk.
Revising for Exams	I often study in a disorganised way		Use Highlighters in your notes or texts, then collect your Highlighters and organise your information. Try Audio Notes to convert your text to an audio file.
	I study enough for my test, but when I get there my mind goes blank.		Try using a variety of study supports to find some that make the information easy to retrieve on test day.
	Remembering essays and longer pieces of text is challenging.		Try typing out your essays using Talk & Type, convert the file to audio using Audio Maker. Try using the highlighters to annotate your work and collect these highlights extracting out the key pieces of information.

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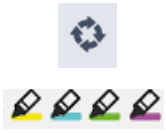
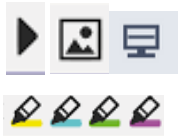
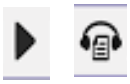
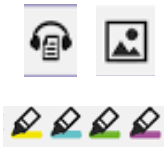
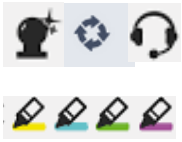
Reading Skills	I don't know how to pick out what is important in the text.		Use Highlighters to answer command word questions as you read. Explain, Describe, Evaluate, Analysis & Identify. Then collect highlights to organise material.
	When I get to the end of a chapter, I can't remember what I've just read.		Use Highlighters to mark key points, use text to speech as an adjunct to reading, and/or use Picture Dictionary for symbol support. Within Screen Masking is the option for a reading light that can help tracking when following text.
	I often wish that I could read faster.		Try using the Text to Speech to have your work read back, you can change the reading speed in settings. Convert your work to an audio file.
	I often find myself getting lost in the details of reading and have trouble identifying the main ideas.		Use Highlighters for main ideas or try making an mp3 audio file and make mental images while listening. Try also opening the Picture Dictionary for visual context.
Writing Skills	I can't seem to organise my thoughts on paper that makes sense.		Try using dictation to support spelling and try dictation using Talk & Type getting your thoughts down on paper using your voice.
	When my teachers assign work I feel so overwhelmed that I can't get started.		Try using mind mapping to make sense of your ideas. Talk & Type is a great way of using your ideas down on paper using your voice.
	I usually complete homework tasks or essays the night before they are due.		Collect Highlights for referencing during your research. Complete your work using prediction to support your spelling or dictation.