The following free note-taking technologies assist with recording and note-taking:

Evernote – Free http://evernote.com

Otter.ai – Free https://otter.ai/login

Microsoft OneNote – Free http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/onenote/

Simple Note – Free https://simplenote.com/

The following programs, software, website, and apps focus on different forms of Reading and Literacy Support.

NaturalReader

Features:

Text-to-Speech software which converts Microsoft Word, Webpages, PDFs, and Email into spoken text

Customize reading voice and speed for your readings

Floating toolbar to read text in other applications

Online Text-to-Speech program with options to input text from various sources on your computer

More Information: http://www.naturalreaders.com/

Cost: Free

Compatibility: Windows; Mac OS; Online

Voice Dream Reader

Features:

Text-to-speech app to read books with the ability to customize your screen for preferred reading options

Read by listening to the text, visually or both at the same time

Supports PDF, Word Docs, EPUB, DAISY, eBooks, Web pages and more with the ability to integrate your Bookshare books or books in Dropbox, Evernote, Pocket, Gutenberg and more

Includes multiple language options along with various fonts, including Open Dyslexic font and voices, including the option to purchase additional voices

Highlight information in the reading and export it to other programs and apps Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone, iPod touch; Android More Information: http://www.voicedream.com Cost: $9.99;VoiceDream Reader Lite – Free

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Beeline Reader

Features:

Monochrome color text reader with Open Dyslexic Font

Read PDF files, webpages and convert eBook's to PDF files to be read with this program

Monochrome color text helps eyes to track lines of text for easier, faster reading by eliminating "line transition errors."

Various monochrome color schemes for personalized use

More Information: http://www.beelinereader.com/

Cost: $1.99 – iOS app; browser extensions free

Compatibility: Browser Extension: Chrome & Firefox; iOS: iPad, iPhone; Desktop

ReadMe!

Features:

Read PDF and ePUB files on your tablet when you upload them to your bookshelf

Spritz Reader is integrated into it – a tool for speed reading showing one word at a time to the reader

Beeline Reader – polychromatic text color reader integrated into pay option of app

More Information: https://www.readmei.com/

Cost: Free with Spritz Reader but Beeline Reader has additional monthly ($0.99), yearly ($4.99) or lifetime membership options   Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch; Android

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Mercury Reader

Features:

Remove clutter from webpages for easier reading

Customize the size of the test, the font, and if it's a light or dark themed background

Send the reading to kindle for reading on that device

More Information: https://mercury.postlight.com/reader/

Cost: Free

Compatibility: Chrome Extension

Rewordify

Features:

Rewordify replaces higher-level vocabulary with words that are easier to understand

Helps build understanding within readings and builds vocabulary

Difficult words are replaced and highlighted

Click on the words that were replaced to see the original word in the text

More Information: http://rewordify.com

Cost: Free   Compatibility: Online Resource

Balabolka

Features:

Text-to-Speech program using the voices installed on your computer

Save online text as mP3, mP4, WAV, OGG or WMA file for portable or later listening

Reads documents from the clipboard or file types such as DOC, EPUB, HTML, PDF, RTF, and more

Customize the background color, font size, and reading options including pitch and rate

More Information: http://www.cross-plus-a.com/balabolka.htm

Cost: Free   Compatibility: Windows

GhostReader

Features:

Text-to-Speech app for Mac computers

Reads your text aloud with the ability to customize voices and modify the pronunciation of words so it sounds correct when reading

Ability to zoom and highlight words

Covert text to audio files for on-the-go listening

Import text from a variety of formats including Text, Word, HTML, PDF & RTF

More Information: http://www.convenienceware.com/ghostreader

Cost: $24.99

Compatibility: Mac

Claro ScanPen

Features:

Listen to printed material on the spot

Take a photo of your printed document, select text with your finger, and have it read back to you

Compatible with Voiceover

Multiple languages

More Information: https://www.claro-apps.com/claro-scanpen/

Cost: $6.99

Compatibility: iOS; Android

Claro PDF Pro

Features:

Listen to your PDFs read aloud using the built in voices on iOS as well as 4 high quality voices

Convert images to fully accessible PDF files that can be spoken, searched, copied, or highlighted

Change the background color of document and invert the text colors

Annotate and mark up your document using highlights, underlines, strike outs, notes, drawing, insert images, audio, video and more

More Information: https://www.claro-apps.com/claropdf/

Cost: $6.99   Compatibility: iOS; Android

Select and Speak (formerly SpeakIt!)

Features:

Select the text you want read aloud in your browser

Click on the SpeakIt! Icon and the text will be read out loud

Can read text in more than 50 languages

Ability to add new voices and change the speaking rate

More Information: https://www.ispeech.org/

Cost: Free: 500 words per day; Full version: $2.99/month

Compatibility: Chrome Extension

Spritz

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Features:

Test your reading speed using Spritz to find your optimum reading speed to use in partnership with Readsy

Increase or decrease the test reading speed to find your balance of speed and comprehension

Spritz custom interface called the Spritzlet, adjusts word position and red letter placement for increased focus, attention and comprehension. Various website and apps have the Spritz Spritzlet embedded in it

More Information: http://www.spritzinc.com/

Cost: Free

Compatibility: Web; iOS; Android

Readsy

Features:

Use Readsy to focus your eyes on one word at a time without having to move them while reading

Upload a PDF, txt or copy and paste text into the website to have it read in their Readsy interact

Use Readsys Redicle, or interface adjusts position of word for optimum viewing in your eyes and highlights one letter of each word in red to help focus your eyes

Increase reading speed and comprehension using Readsy

Use Spritz to test yourself to find optimum reading speed

More Information: http://www.readsy.co/

Cost: Free

Compatibility: Online Resource

Read Mode

Features:

Remove distractions from reading on the internet with this app

Click the Chrome Extension for clean reading with black text on white background

Ads and flash animations removed by the click of a button

More Information: https://goo.gl/wY6nY

Cost: Free

Compatibility: Chrome Extension

Vbookz

Features:

Read PDF files with this app

Interactive cursor allows readers to follow along with text

Use annotation tools such as highlighting, text, notes, and bookmarks to help support your reading

Read books in text mode with the option for Dyslexie Font

Import PDFs using email, Dropbox, or through iTunes

More Information: http://vbookz.com/

Cost: $4.99

Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone, iPod touch

Spreed

Features:

Train yourself to increase your reading speed with Spreed

Import online articles and have them read at double or triple the speed

Spreed can train you to read between 200 and 400 words per minute

More Information: https://goo.gl/uHKNHO

Cost: Free   Compatibility: Chrome Extension

Ivona MiniReader

Features:

Use the Ivona Text-to-Speech Reader to read documents or webpages

Using the either the Full or Mini toolbar interface, click the play button to have webpages, emails, documents, and online news sources read out loud

More Information: http://www.ivona.com/us/mini-reader/

Cost: Free

Compatibility: Windows

Spreeder

Features:

Free online web application to help you read faster

Copy and paste text from any source into the online application and spreed!

Words will flash at a words per minute rate as you read along and increase your reading speed

Ability to adjust words per minute speed, chunk size/number of words flashed, background color and more

More Information: http://www.spreeder.com/

Cost: Free

Compatibility: Online Resource

Text2Speech

Text2Speech.org

Features:

Enter text from any source and have it read out loud by this online resource

Ability to download file to an mp3 file

Customize voice and speed

4000 character limit to text read

More Information: http://www.text2speech.org/

Cost: Free   Compatibility: Online Resource

ABBYY TextGrabber + Translator

Features:

Using the camera of your device, capture text and translate it using OCR

Easily extract text from books, magazines, newspapers, ads, etc.

Use VoiceOver (iPad only) to listen to your document in a text-to-speech format

Captured text can be edited and/or copied to another source

More Information: http://www.abbyy.com/textgrabber_ios/

Cost: $9.99

Compatibility: iOS: iPad; Android

Capti Narrator

Features:

Convert documents and webpages into text-to-speech

Upload documents from Dropbox, Google Drive, Clipboard, Instapaper, or Web Browser

Listen to document immediately or save it to your playlist for future listening

Adjust speech rate along with the choice of built in voices; additional voices for purchase

More Information: https://www.captivoice.com/capti-site/

Cost: Free

Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone, iPod touch; Window and Mac Browser Extension

Prizmo

Features:

Take a picture and have immediate conversion into text with this OCR program for text-to-speech

Ability to change the voice and interactive reading display with words highlighted as they are read

10 different languages built in with over 30 addition for download

Ability to edit the OCR results to correct spelling errors or reorder text

More Information: http://www.creaceed.com/prizmo/about

Cost: $9.99

Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone

Adobe Acrobat Reader

Features:

Free PDF reader if PDF documents are readable PDFs

Listen to readings instead of reading them yourself

Tagged PDFs are read in order in structure tree, untagged are read in logical inferred reading order

Tagged PDFs will read alternative text descriptions

More Information: http://help.adobe.com/

Cost: Free

Compatibility: Windows; Mac OS

Bookshare

Features:

Largest online library of accessible reading materials for people with print disabilities

Accessible books, textbooks, newspapers and magazine are available

Individuals with Print Disabilities can sign up for a membership

Books available for download can be read on DAISY players, with Screen Readers, Refreshable Braille Displays, and other Assistive Technology Programs

More Information: https://www.bookshare.org/

Cost: Free with Print Disability

Compatibility: Online Resource

Go Read

Features:

Download and listen to your Bookshare books on your Android device

Read DAISY and EPUB books with voice navigated and text-to-speech

Connects directly to online libraries, and Bookshare for quick download

Optimized for visually-impaired readers but usable for anyone

More Information: http://goread.org/

Cost: Free.

Compatibility: Android

Read2Go

Features:

Browse over 190,000 books for have access all of your Bookshare books on your mobile device

Easy use app to read text or turn on the text-to-speech mode

Control the text layout of the page for easier visual reading including font size, color, background and reading options such as reading speed, and voice options

Connect via Bluetooth to a braille display to read in Braille

More Information: http://read2go.org/

Cost: $19.99

Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone, iPod touch

NaviDys

Features:

Adapt and adjust webpages to your own reading preference settings

Adjust the font to one of 10 available fonts including Dyslexie font

Adjust font size, letter spacing and line spacing of the webpage you're reading

More Information: http://michaeldardol.com/navidys/

Cost: $2.99

Compatibility: iOS: iPad

Cometdocs PDF Converter

Features:

Create and convert PDF documents to Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Images, and other formats

Use within Google Drive with the converted documents waiting for you there

Use the web application, desktop app or app on your iOS device to convert documents too

More Information: http://www.cometdocs.com/

Cost: Free

Compatibility: Windows; iPad, iPhone; Chrome Extension

ER Browser

Features:

Adapt and adjust webpages to your own reading preference settings

Choose your font from options such as OpenDyslexic

Customize the background color of the webpage to decrease visual stress and improve reading ability

Adjust font size and letter spacing

Bookmark your favorite websites or search your stored history

More Information: http://erbrowser.com/

Cost: $0.99

Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone; iPod touch

Yuzu (formerly Nook Study)

Features:

Read your textbooks on the go – anywhere

Annotate your readings with highlights, sticky notes, and flags in your textbooks

Filter your notes and highlights onto one screen

More Information: https://www.yuzu.com/

Cost: Free

Compatibility: iPad; Web App; Windows App

Fokus

Features:

Highlight only the text you want to read while Fokus dims and darkens the rest of your Chrome or Firefox window with an overlay

Highlights the paragraph you're reading with the ability to change the opacity of the background overlay

Easy to install extension with the ability to turn the feature on or off

More Information: https://chrome.google.com or https://addons.mozilla.org/

Cost: Free

Compatibility: Chrome and Firefox Add-On

CamScanner

Features:

Use your camera phone to scan documents, notes, whiteboards, business cards or any other document

Use the Optical Character Recognition (OCR) feature to convert images to readable text

Add annotations to your scanned documents

Sync documents across devices

More Information: https://www.camscanner.net/

Cost: Free

Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone; Android; Windows Phone 8