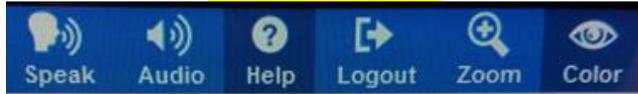


STAAR Online State Assessment Vs. the www.Kurzweil3000.com Text – to – Speech Program

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STAAR Online Text-to-Speech



To have STAAR Online read aloud, the student clicks the “Speak” icon. A reading tool window pops up. From there they can click play, stop, or click word to hear single words read. They click close to close the reading tool window.



Kurzweil Text-to-Speech



The Kurzweil read button is always present. To hear, the student clicks the read button. As it is reading, the play becomes pause. They click pause to stop. If they want to go back or skip forward they click. They can also click on the page where they want to start reading, click read and it will read. The is to turn on and off text-to-speech. The student can click the speaker button to turn it to silent. When they click read it only highlights to assist the student with tracking and does not read out loud. Click the icon again to turn on text-to-speech.

STAAR Online Audio Options

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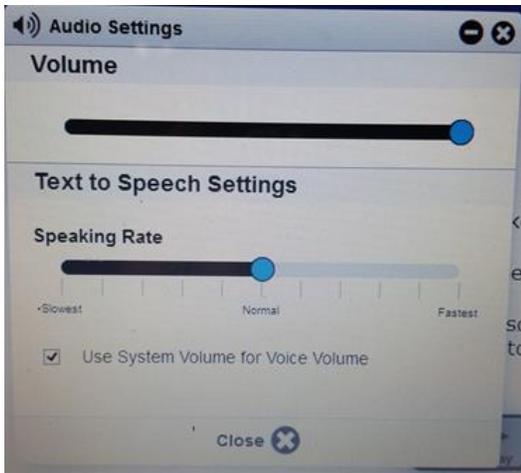
To change STAAR Online audio options, the student clicks the “Audio” icon. An audio settings tool window pops up (shown below). From there they can change volume and reading speed. 10 reading speeds available. STAAR Online currently has one voice available.



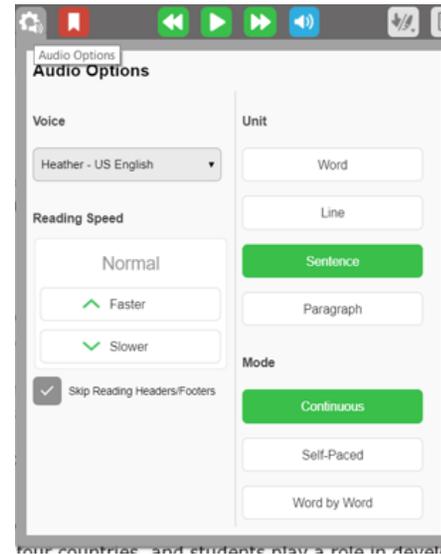
To change Kurzweil audio options, the student clicks on audio options. An audio options drop down appears to change the reading speed, voices, mode, and units. 20 reading speeds available. Volume is changed at the computer, not in the Kurzweil program.

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STAAR Online Audio Options (continued)



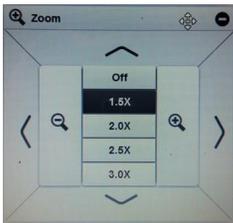
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STAAR Online Zoom



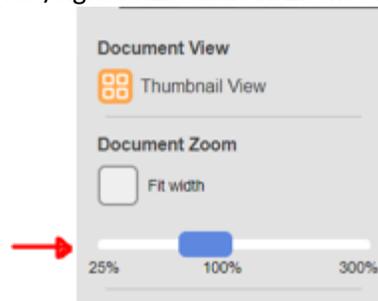
To change STAAR Online zoom options, the student clicks the "Zoom" icon. A zoom settings tool window pops up (shown below). From there they can change zoom and arrow across the page.



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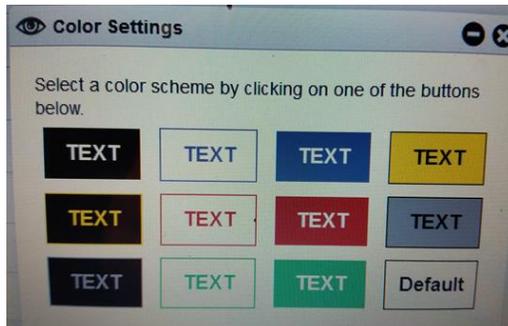
To change the zoom in Kurzweil, click the  Document View button, Slide the bar left/right to Zoom in or Zoom out.



STAAR Online Color Settings

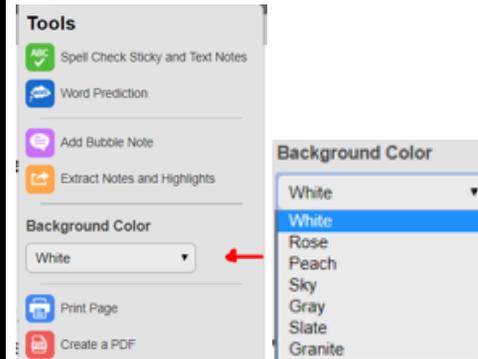


To change STAAR Online color options, the student clicks the "Color" icon. A color settings tool window pops up (shown below). From there they can change the background color or text color.



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To change Kurzweil background color options, click on the tools icon , then click dropdown under "Background Color".



If the student is logged into their own Kurzweil account, it will remember their background color setting and they will not have to change them in other documents.

STAAR Online Highlighter and Eraser

Highlighter

To highlight text, drag your cursor over the text you want highlighted. Once the selection is made, a menu will pop up with a Highlight and Erase Highlights buttons.



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In STAAR Online, students left click and drag their mouse over the text to have the Highlight/ Erase Highlight menu appear.

www.Kurzweil3000.com Highlighter, Cross-out and Eraser



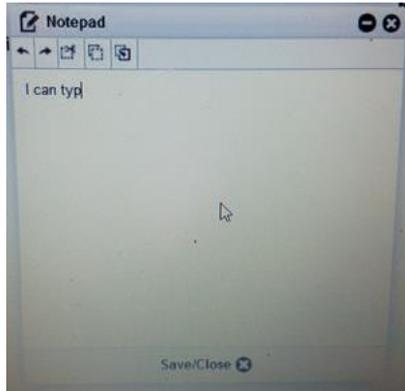
In Kurzweil3000.com, students can select the highlighter or eraser from the select button 

in the toolbar, select the tool and drag their mouse over the text to highlight, cross out or erase highlight. After using the tool, select the

Select button  to stop marking and bring the cursor back.



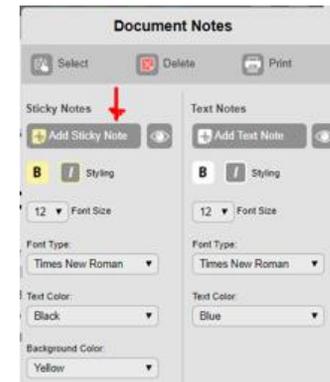
STAAR Online Notepad



STAAR Online Notepad allows for taking note on each page.

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“Sticky note” similar to “Notepad”



Stick Note is a similar tool in Kurzweil for the STAAR Online Notepad.



opened to be going to the river, so they walked together.

They were an interesting pair, Fairbank and Mr. Young.

This is a sticky note. As a student I can write myself notes or as a teacher, I can leave instruction.

Students can click Notes  button in the toolbar, select Add Stick note, then click on a blank part of the page, type in the note, then be sure to change tool back to select



so that the student does not continue to drop additional sticky notes in the document. This is also where the student can change the font size if the text is too small

STAAR Online Picture Support

The screenshot shows a 'Writing Checklist' interface. On the left, there are instructions: '1. READ the information in the', 'Most people have favorite **season** of year.', 'THINK about the time of year', and 'WRITE about your favorite time what makes it special to you.'. On the right, a 'Seasons' window displays four illustrations of trees: autumn (brown leaves), winter (bare branches), spring (green leaves), and summer (green leaves with red fruit).

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Picture Support



Students can get the picture of any word that has a picture available by clicking on the word then click the reference button  and select Picture Dictionary.

Most people have their favorite season

The 'References' menu is open, showing options: Dictionary, Picture Dictionary (highlighted), and Translation. A 'Picture Dictionary' button is visible at the bottom right of the menu.

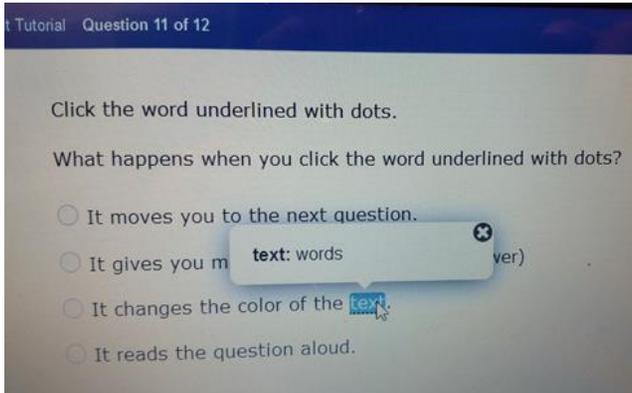
The 'Pictures: season' window displays four seasonal illustrations: a flower, a sun, a snowman, and a dog. The word 'seasons' is written at the bottom.

STAAR Online

"Pop-ups"

EMBEDDED ACCOMMODATIONS

- **Pop-ups:** Provide support for non-tested words and concepts
 - Definitions, synonyms, examples, formulas, plain language, pictures, animations, graphic organizers, etc.



Sample of a pop-ups

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"Bubble Notes" similar to "Pop-ups"

Teachers can create bubble notes (similar to **pop-ups**) by placing their cursor where they want to add the support, click "Tools" , click "Add Bubble Note". Type the support. You can click options to not have Kurzweil read the bubble note or open unless prompted by student. Once finished, click "Ok". You will see a  marking where a support is embedded. When double clicked, the support opens. NOTE: Bubble notes is also what you would use for **roll-overs**, though it will not roll over the text.

What happens when you click the word underlined with dots?

- o It moves you to the next question.
- o It gives you more support.
- o It changes the color of the text.
- o It reads the question aloud.



Kurzweil 3000 Web Client install

Marking sections of text not to be read, save lock features and password protect document

Documents and tests are commonly created with the Kurzweil 3000 Web client install. Teachers can **mark sections of text to not to be read**, edit for recognition errors, **lock features in documents**, and **password protect the document**. For more information on doing this go to www.kurzweilaustrin.com, hoover over Kurzweil3000-firefly, click on Videos/Support.

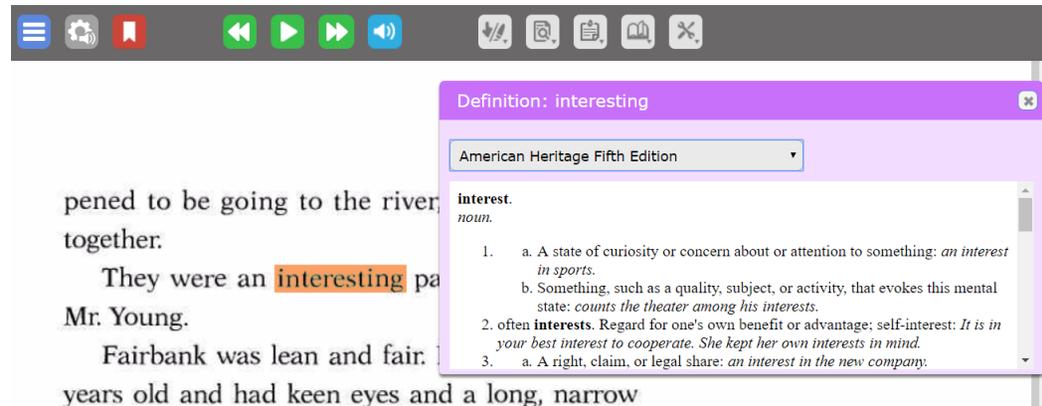
OTHER SUPPORTS

Kurzweil :

Students have access to a variety of supports from the "Reference" button.

Definitions

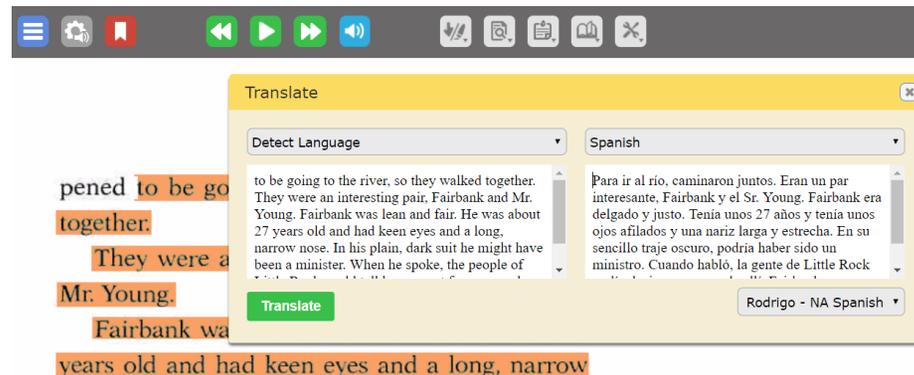
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Students can select the dropdown menu to have access to these dictionaries (American Heritage Fifth Edition, American Heritage Children’s, and American Heritage College Writer’s Dictionary).

Translation

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For language translation, students select the text, click the dropdown menu “Online”, and click “Translate” to translate from English to one of 80 languages. Kurzweil will read only 11 languages of the 80 languages it visually translates.

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