


Writing Tools and Apps on iPad

Speech to Text

Dictation- This is a built-in feature that will type out what you speak into your iPad. Try using dictation with Keynote or Pages on an iPad. To launch dictation, tap the microphone icon.  Dictation is available any time the keyboard is available.

Mind Map Tools

- **Pages:** Students can create their own mind maps by adding shapes and double tap to add text to individual shapes. Pro tip: students can use dictation to add text to their maps.
- [Popplet Lite](#) is an app that can be downloaded to create mind maps to help structure thoughts.

Brainstorming Tools

Google Jamboard: Once a link is shared with the students, they can log on with their google account or use it anonymously if they do not have an account. Use shapes, text boxes, the drawing tool, or the sticky note feature to help organize thoughts.

Graphic Organizers

Try out these [graphic organizer templates](#) for Pages. To use the templates, tap on the link and then download them to your mac or iPad. Follow the directions on the first slide for how to customize your templates to make them more engaging and accessible.

Communication App

Proloquo2Go is an easy-to-use communication app for people who cannot speak or need help being understood, catering for a wide range of fine-motor, visual and cognitive skills. The Tech Center is a set of 20 iPads with this app that can be loaned for demo purposes.

iPad Accessibility Features Helpful with Writing

These settings can help those who might otherwise have problems operating a tablet enjoy the iPad. Go to Settings > Accessibility.

- **Spoken Content** allows you to go from written word to spoken word. The *Speak Screen* feature within settings allows you to hear the content of your entire screen read aloud to you. To hear every letter you type, activate *Typing Feedback*.
- **Voice Control** allows you to navigate your device using just your voice. Commands like click, swipe, and tap help you easily interact with your favorite apps. You can precisely select, drag, and zoom by showing numbers alongside clickable items or by superimposing a grid on the screen. Voice Control also offers corrections, format changes, and transition between text dictation and commands.