

Access Technology Update



A monthly resource designed to help you reach diverse students in your classroom.

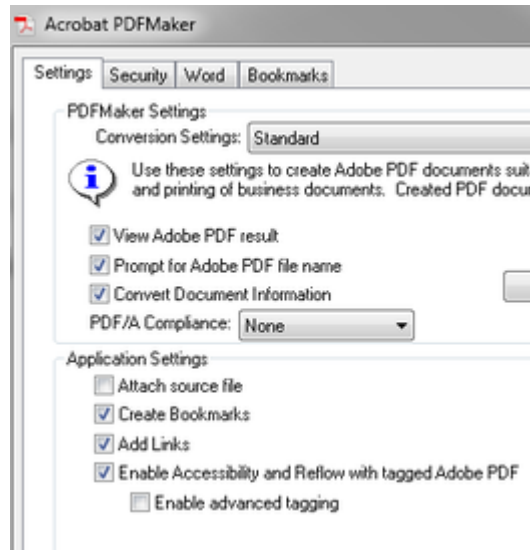
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Topic: Exporting Word Documents to PDF

Why It Is Important: Adobe Reader is a free PDF reader, thus making PDF formatted documents accessible to all users

How to Do It: To export to PDF:

- 1) Mark up your Word documents for accessibility features (e.g., headings, alt text, etc.)
- 2) Click on Acrobat tab and select Preferences
- 3) Make sure that these checkboxes are checked:
 - Create Bookmarks
 - Enable Accessibility and Reflow with tagged Adobe PDF
- 5) Click Create PDF
- 6) Open PDF file and check for possible errors



Definition Du Jour:

Specific Learning Disability

A disorder of one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language, spoken or written, which may manifest itself in difficulties listening, thinking, speaking, reading, writing, spelling, or doing mathematical calculations. Limitations may include hyperactivity, distractibility, emotional instability, visual and/or auditory perception difficulties and/or motor limitations, depending on the type(s) of learning disability.

Source: www.washington.edu/

Amazing Apps:

Dragon Dictation & Dragon Go! (iPad, iPhone)

- Speech Recognition
- Searches the web for info. related to your dictation
- Exports to sms, email, social media

Both apps are free via iTunes

Technology in the News:

The New York City and Limousine Commission voted in favor of a measure to make 50 % of taxi cabs accessible to people in wheelchairs by the year 2020, thereby making the taxis in NYC among the most accessible in the USA. Source: www.nytimes.com

How to use Siri on the iPhone

- Tap Settings > General > Siri menu
- Slide the Siri button to the right
- Hold "Home" button to launch Siri
- Say Command or Dictate to Siri

Note: Internet connection is necessary for Siri

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Links to Learning:

Bridging Apps

www.bridgingapps.org

A great tool for searching for apps for a variety of different students.