

TUESDAY TIPS

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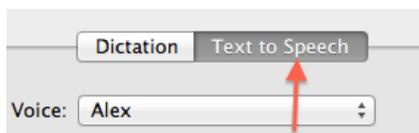
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TECHNOLOGY IN ACTION

Speak to Me!

You can make your computers talk to you! You can listen to what you've written by **highlighting a sentence** and **pressing Option+Escape**.

To turn this feature on, go to **System Preferences>Dictation and Speech**. Click on the button **Text to Speech**. Adjust the voice as desired.



Check the **Speak selected text**. You can also change the key which operates this function.

Contact Mrs. Akers if you would like your students to have this feature.

Creating a Reading List

Besides bookmarking pages in Safari, you and your students can create reading lists that can be read even when offline or when the internet goes down!

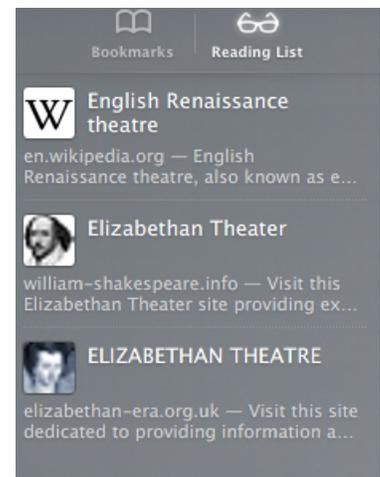


On your Safari page you will see an open book (red arrow). Click on the open book icon. Click on Reading List.



Search for the pages you want to read. When you find something interesting, click on the "Plus" (green arrow).

The item you want will appear in the Reading List panel.



This is also a wonderful way for your students to save the research materials they've found. These materials can be read and referenced at a later time for notes and works cited entries. Students will need to use the same computer in which they created their reading list.



Forvo.com

When you and your students encounter foreign words in your reading, you can consult a fabulous website to hear how the word is pronounced. *Forvo.com* is a website that allows access to, and playback of, pronunciation sound clips in 300 different languages. This can not only facilitate the easier learning of languages, but can also assist with the pronunciation of foreign words and phrases which have been adopted into English or find their way into American and English literature.

Forvo.com was first envisioned in 2007 by co-founder Israel Rondón, and came to fruition in 2008. Forvo.com is owned by Forvo Media SL, who are based in San Sebastián, Spain, and say Forvo is the largest pronunciation guide website on the Internet. It has been listed in the 50 best websites of 2013 by Time.

There is also a Forvo app available for your iPad at a cost of \$2.99.

<http://www.forvo.com>



MIND STRETCHING APPS

91 Logic Games

Train your brain with 91 different types of Puzzle Games! The puzzle games in *91 Logic Games* are entertaining and enjoyable; they provide mental exercise similar to Sudoku. Choose among increasingly difficult and big puzzle levels, save your progress, undo, restart, and take advantage of the hints to keep going when stuck.

Word to Word

Challenge yourself with *Word to Word*, a fun and addictive free word association game. If you love crossword, word search, or hangman, you will love this new twist on word association. Be careful though! As puzzles get

harder, a word can have multiple matches and associations so you'll have to get the right combination of words to complete each puzzle and solve all the pairs. *Word to Word* comes with 40 free puzzles, and you also have the option to buy more puzzle packs, mega-packs, or you can buy all the puzzles for one low price.

94 Seconds

In *94 Seconds*, you get one category, one letter, and one word to find and score higher than your friends. For example, can you name a fruit with B, a sport with T, or a mammal with D? There are more than 50 different categories, including countries, fruits, musical instruments, tools, and cosmetics. This game can be played in six different languages.