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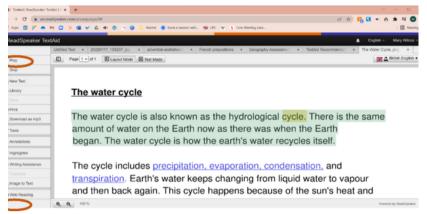
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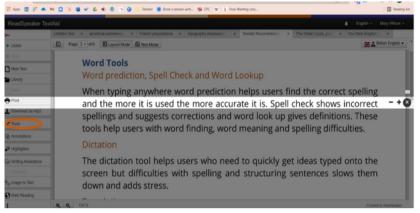




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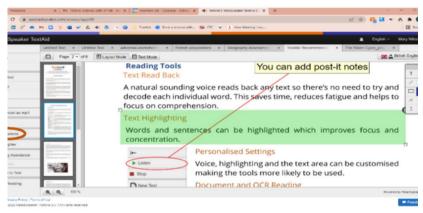
In **Tools** there is a page mask and screen ruler to help you to follow one line at a time.



In **Text Settings** you can change the background colour, font style, size, colour and spacing. Click on **Text Mode** to make text in your document easier to read. These settings are used in TextAid documents as well.



Understanding Text



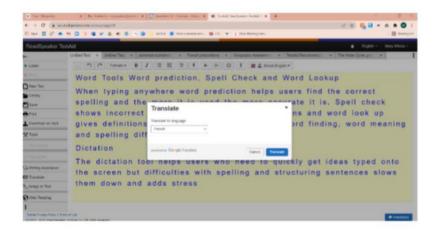
The **Annotations** button lets you add text, post-it notes, shapes and highlighting. This means you can easily complete worksheets and exams as well as make notes on a document to aid understanding. All your annotations are automatically saved.



You can highlight text in four colours and extract it using the **Highlighter** button. This helps to summarise information when revising or writing an essay.



Understanding Text



The **Translate** button instantly changes the text, voice, word look up and spell checking to another language. This is useful for EAL students and in MFL lessons. If you select any word, you can look up its meaning and related websites.



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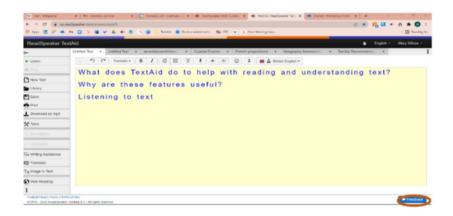
The spell checker underlines incorrect spellings. Simply click on the word, listen to the suggestions, and click correct it.



Easy to Use Anywhere



TextAid makes documents accessible as they are opened and automatically saves your work. You can log in from any device including tablets and phones. Because it's all online you can access your documents anywhere. It remembers which tabs you had open and your preferred settings too.



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