

## Word Prediction Apps for Word Processing on an iPad

### Considerations

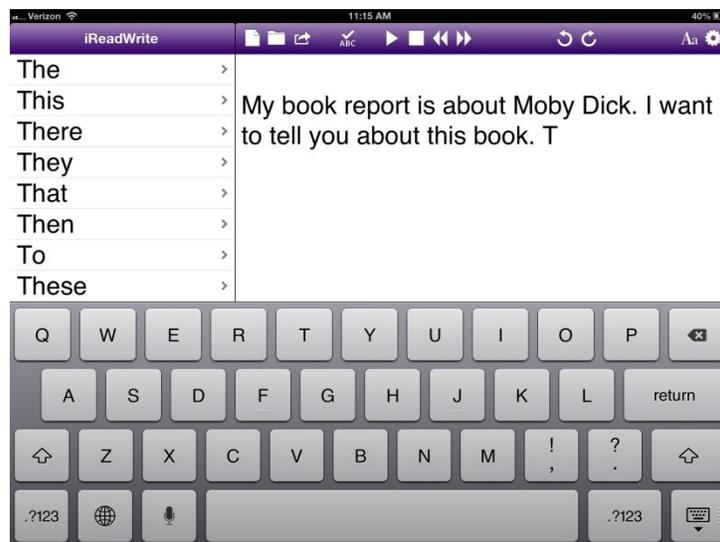
Word prediction on the iPad requires the user to “tap” on a word selection. The font size of words in the prediction list may be an important consideration for students with visual or motor impairments. In addition, check the font and symbol size of the app’s title or menu bar where options such as “**new file**” or “**email/print**” are located.

Since word prediction apps vary in their feature sets, a student’s disability may “drive” the app choice that maximizes accessibility.

**iReadWrite** Cost \$19.99-\$29.99

The iReadWrite app allows the user to create documents with the support of

1. **word prediction** with flexible/phonetic spelling (fone/phone, jeraf/giraffe) and audio support (user taps a word once in the prediction list to hear it, twice to select it)
2. **prediction dictionary** “one size fits all”; no topic dictionaries
3. **text-to-speech** audio support (reads the document)
4. **spell checker** and homophone/confusables checker
5. **talking dictionary** (simple, audio and picture supported definitions)
6. **print, copy, or email** documents directly from within the app
7. **custom features**
  - a. tap or swipe a predicted word to select it
  - b. predict ahead
  - c. change text color, background color, spelling error color, etc.
  - d. adjust font and size of font in the prediction list up to size 36 font (this feature is unique to iReadWrite)

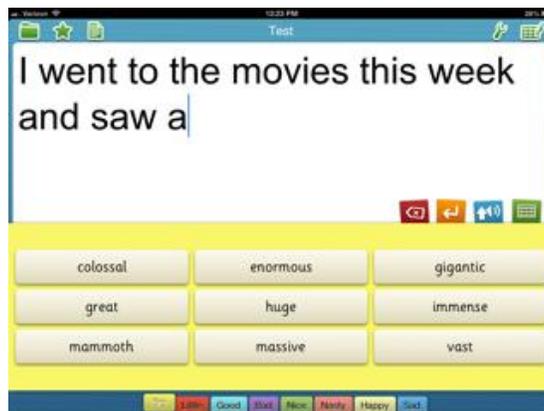
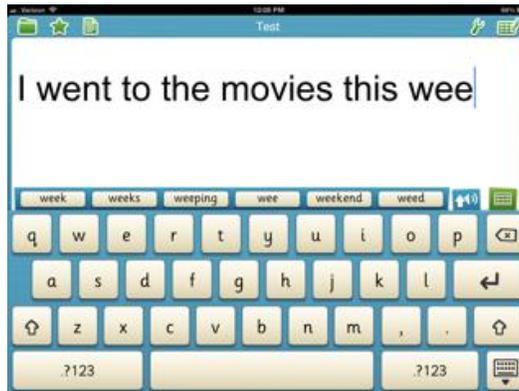


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**Clicker Docs** Cost \$25.99

The Clicker Docs app allows the user to create documents with the support of

1. **word prediction** with flexible/“sounds like” spelling (fone/phone, jeraf/giraffe) and audio support (user touches and holds a word in the prediction list to hear it, and taps the word to select it)
2. **prediction dictionary** size (250, 2,500, or 20,000 words)
3. **Topic dictionaries** teachers can create customized word banks for student writing or access “LearningGrids” an online resource of free, downloadable, word banks
4. **text-to-speech** audio support (reads the document)
5. **spell checker**
6. **print, copy, or email** documents directly from within the app
7. **custom features include**
  - a. tap a predicted word to select and hear it read
  - b. predict ahead
  - c. change text color, background color, spelling error color, etc.
  - d. adjust font and size of font in the document list up to size 70 font (the prediction list font size cannot be adjusted)
  - e. option to speak each letter selected on keyboard.



Example of a Clicker Docs adjective word bank

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### **iWordQ US** Cost \$24.99

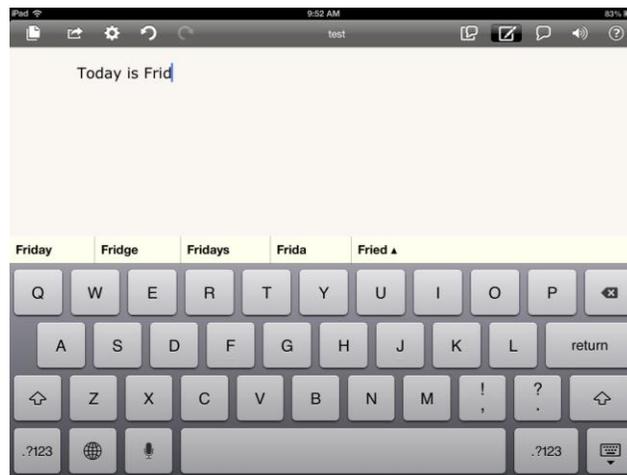
The iWordQ US app provides the user with two modes of use: writing mode and reading mode

#### Writing Mode

- 1) **word prediction** with flexible/phonetic spelling and audio support
- 2) **prediction dictionary** size is fixed; number of predicted words displayed is variable
- 3) **Topic dictionaries** teachers can add their own vocabulary lists and usage examples
- 4) **text-to-speech** audio support
- 5) **spell checker**
- 6) **dictionary** (uses iPad's dictionary; not supported with speech; definitions require high reading skill)
- 7) **print, copy, or email** documents directly from within the app; open docs in other word processing apps on the iPad
- 8) **custom features include**
  - a) touch a predicted word to hear it read before selecting it
  - b) predict ahead
  - c) size of font NOT adjustable

#### Reading Mode

The Reading Mode allows the user to proofread a document, select the document or sentences within the document to hear them read.



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**Typ-O-HD** Cost \$14.99

The Typ-O-HD app provides the user with this unique feature. In a WIFI environment, the user can speak a word into the iPad's microphone and the word will be entered into the prediction list. This feature does not require SIRI; it is built into the Typ-O-HD app itself.

- 1) **word prediction**
- 2) **prediction list** can be adjusted from 4 to 6 words
- 3) **Topic dictionaries** none
- 4) **text-to-speech** audio support
- 5) **spell checker**
- 6) **dictionary** uses iPad's dictionary; not supported with speech; definitions require high reading skill
- 7) **print, copy, or email** documents directly from within the app
- 8) **custom features include**
  - a) font and size of font is adjustable in the text box but not in the prediction list



\*iPad's 3, 4, & Mini have a SIRI option in settings. When turned on this feature inserts a microphone on the built-in apple on-screen keyboard. This allows a student to dictate into many apps to produce text.



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