Enabling Accessibility features

Open status tray:

alt    shift    s

In settings, enable Accessibility options in system menu

Click on the system menu at any time

Enable or disable Accessibility features as needed

Handwriting recognition

Enable on-screen keyboard in Accessibility menu—it appears in the status tray

The keyboard or handwriting toolbar can either be full screen...

...or sit in the bottom right hand corner

As you write it suggests possible words—works well with touchscreen and stylus
Text to speech

Select-to-speak
Enable in Accessibility menu for synthesized speech on an as-needed basis

When enabled, either click or tap the Select-to-speak icon in the system menu or hold down the ‘search button.’ Then, click or drag a box around items on the screen to listen to them spoken aloud.

See word-by-word highlighting as it reads. Change the highlight color in Select-to-speak settings.

ChromeVox Screen Reader
Reads everything on the screen—also enabled through the status tray and Accessibility

Can be turned on or off via:
ctrl alt z
Dyslexia support

**High contrast mode**

Viewing a page with inverted colors can make it easier for some to read text

ctrl  q  h

**Dyslexia Reader Chrome**

Alter default settings for a page

Easy to enable or disable

Needs some understanding of Hex Codes in order to make alterations

**Dyslexia and color support**

**Chrome extensions and apps**

- **BeeLine Reader**
  Adjusts colors and tones of pages to make it easier to read

- **Color Enhancer**
  Adjusts tone of pages to help with reading

- **Open-dyslexic**
  Switches text to easy-to-read dyslexia font, Open Dyslexic
by Scanning Pens

A portable, pocket-sized device that reads aloud as a student scans the pen over written text, aiding those who need extra support with reading.

Students can scan the text directly into a Google Doc or upload the audio recordings to a Chromebook or Android device so that they can easily reference the information later.

Clicker Communicator

by Crick Software

A child-friendly augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) app that gives a voice to learners with speech and language difficulties.

Features an intuitive, clutter-free interface that makes it easy for learners to quickly navigate to the words and phrases they need to express themselves.

Specifically created for Chromebook users.
 Adds Accessibility features such as predictive text, dictionary, picture dictionary, text playback, screen masks, highlighting, and even the opportunity to practice reading aloud.

Type, handwrite, or dictate mathematical formulas and insert them into Google Workspace.
by TextHelp

Designed to improve student reading fluency

Students read aloud and record an assigned passage of text and submit to teacher

Teacher can record hesitation, mispronunciation, etc. to keep records of students ability

Students can employ guides and dictionary tools to help improve comprehension and understanding

Proven to improve fluency progress

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**Share to Classroom**

Chrome extension

Allows web pages to be shared easily to Google Classroom

Can be used to push out websites to avoid distractions and triggers

Can also assign website to be looked at later
Additional Accessibility features

Enabled via the Accessibility menu or settings

- **Large mouse cursor**: makes the cursor larger and easier to see
- **Mono audio**: play the same audio from both speakers so someone with limited hearing doesn’t miss context in stereo sound
- **Highlight mouse cursor**: puts a colored ring around the mouse cursor to make it easier to spot
- **Automatic clicks**: makes it possible for users with motor challenges to hover over an item and have the Chromebook click, without putting any pressure on the touchpad
- **Sticky keys**: causes keys to remain ‘held down’ by a single tap until another key is pressed; e.g. shift or ctrl

Increase/Decrease size

To increase browser content, use:

- ctrl + =

To decrease:

- ctrl - -

To reset:

- ctrl ) 0

To increase the entire screen including the browser itself, use:

- ctrl shift + =
Dictation

Enable from settings to dictate into your Chromebook

Start dictation:

Or tap/click the mic icon on the screen

Works anywhere that you would normally be able to type; e.g. browser bar, Google Slides, YouTube Search

ChromeVox braille support

Visually impaired users can attach compatible refreshable braille displays (USB or Bluetooth)

To enable teachers and technicians to work with visually impaired users, both the braille and its text equivalent can also be shown at the top of the screen
Present Google Slides with closed captions

Display the speaker’s words in real time at the bottom of the screen to support students who are deaf, hard-of-hearing or ENL.

To turn on closed captions in Slides for ChromeOS/Windows, use:

ctrl shift c

For Mac, use:

command shift c

Docked Magnifier

Settings > Accessibility > Docked magnifier

Creates bar along the top of the screen which magnifies current content

To turn on:

ctrl search d

To adjust:

Hold ctrl alt and scroll 2 fingers on the trackpad

Screen magnification

Fullscreen Magnifier

Settings > Accessibility > Fullscreen magnifier

Magnify everything on the screen and use the mouse cursor to control what’s displayed

To turn on:

ctrl f

To adjust:

Hold ctrl alt
Closed captions in Hangouts Meet (English only)

Make it easier to follow what’s being said in meetings by turning on captions, which displays the conversation as text.

**On the computer**

On the bottom-right of the Meet window, click More ‚

Click Turn on captions

**On Chromebase for meetings devices**

On the bottom-right of the touchscreen, click More ‚

Press Turn on captions

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Voice typing in Google Docs

To use voice typing or voice commands, your computer microphone needs to be on and working; this feature is only available in Chrome browsers.

In Google Docs, click Tools > Voice Typing

When you’re ready to speak, click the microphone icon

Speak clearly at a normal volume and pace

Use voice commands to edit, format, or add punctuation