



## *Tips for a Healthy Family* *Google Tools for Special Healthcare Needs*

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Technology is a powerful tool and can be a wonderful means to assist students with special healthcare needs. Google offers a wide variety of web extensions that offers tools to help all learners, regardless of ability, be successful in the modern world.



**Control Alt Achieve** highlights 21 web extensions that can assist students in five main categories:

- Text to Speech
- Readability
- Reading comprehension
- Focus
- Navigation

We will highlight a few from each category:

- Text to Speech
  - Read & Write for Google Chrome- With tools including word prediction, dictionary, and text to speech.
  - SpeakIt!- This tool will read aloud any selected text from a website.
- Readability
  - Just Read- Makes any website easier to read by removing ads and all other distractions.
  - MagicScroll Web Reader- Turns web pages into a flippable e-book with easy clickable control.
- Reading Comprehension
  - sentiSum:Smart Summarizer-this takes an entire web page and creates a short summary for the reader to view.
  - uBlock Origin-Another one that removes ad-

blocking extensions to make the pages less cluttered and easy to read.

- **Navigation**

- **Vimium-This provides keyboard shortcuts for someone who has difficulty using a mouse.**
- **Caret Browsing- this gives you a movable cursor in any web page, allowing you to move through the text with arrow keys.**



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