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Read&Write inclusion tool



Have you seen a purple puzzle logo at the top right corner of your laptop's Google browser and wondered how it got there? By the end of May, all Yukon school devices will have access to the Read&Write extension for Google Chrome.

Read&Write is an inclusion tool that supports people who think, learn, and work differently. Available in English, French and other languages, Read&Write is a set of reading and writing tools that help make digital text easier to understand. It is a literacy support tool that offers learners help with tasks like reading aloud, understanding unfamiliar words, researching assignments, supporting written output, and proofreading written work.

With Read&Write you can:

1. **Choose how to understand information** – Hear written text read out loud. Use dictionary features with auditory and visual support to aid comprehension.
2. **Communicate in the way you feel most comfortable** – Dictate information rather than type. Leave voice notes in collaborative documents instead of written feedback.
3. **Complete tasks with more confidence** – Use intuitive writing features, proofreading tools and concentration features to improve the quality of your work.
4. **Collaborate more effectively** – Digitize paper documents and unlock PDFs for easy editing and collaboration.
5. **Collate and summarise information with ease** – Organisational features allow you to collect and summarise large amounts of information in your own way.

How to get started?

- Read&Write works with Google Chrome. Sign in under “Google account” for education and log in with your Rapid ID (first.lastname@yesnet.yk.ca)
- Watch this 5-minute video [Introduction to Read&Write Chrome extension](#).
- Start your journey with [Read&Write academy](#).
- Get deeper by scrolling the [Feature Tour page](#).
- Refer quickly to the [Quick Reference for Tool Usage](#).
- Train students on how to use it using some [pre-made lessons and activities](#).
- Post posters in your classroom and staff rooms (see attachment).
- Book time with Occupational Therapist Jessica Guerrette in the new school year for student and staff training. Email Jessica.MassonGuerette@yukon.ca.

Reading Rev literacy program

There will be an introduction to [Reading Rev](#) on Tuesday, May 28 from 3:30 – 4:30 pm with founder Bri Luna. Email Marjorie MacDonald marjoriemacdonald@yukon.ca to sign up for this session.

Canoe Camp

Canoe Camp is a Department of Education pilot program that offers:

- Allocated time slots for schools to bring students for a half-day canoe instruction at a local lake.
- Instructors who will handle all water-related activities and manage associated risks.
- Standardized canoe teaching for all schools by qualified instructors.

See the attachment for more details and information on how to sign up.

Improve your French skills over the summer

The department’s French Programs unit may be able to provide you with financial assistance to attend a professional development program offered by a recognized institution in Canada. We offer a contribution of up to \$3,000 to help cover the cost of registration, accommodation, and transportation.

Vous désirez améliorer vos compétences en français durant l’été ?

Les Programmes de français du ministère de l’Éducation du Yukon pourraient vous assister financièrement pour réaliser un séjour de perfectionnement offert par une institution reconnue au Canada. Nous offrons une contribution, jusqu’à concurrence de 3000 \$, pour vous aider à couvrir les frais d’inscription, de logement et de transport reliés à votre formation.

For more details, contact French Programs at edu-french-programs@yukon.ca or by telephone at 867-667-8237.

French as a Second Language opportunities

Stay in the loop! In collaboration with French Programs at the Department of Education, the Association franco-yukonnaise is preparing social and structured opportunities for French as a Second Language teachers and support staff to improve their French language competency. Fun events and workshops are in the making. For more information, please contact Émilie at formation@afy.ca or Souâad at 867-668-2663 ext. 320.

Restez informé(e)s! En collaboration avec les Programmes en français au ministère de l'Éducation du Yukon, l'Association franco-yukonnaise prépare des activités sociales et structurées pour le corps enseignant et le personnel de soutien de français langue seconde, visant l'amélioration de la compétence langagière. Des activités et des ateliers ludiques seront bientôt dévoilés! Pour en savoir plus, veuillez contacter Émilie à formation@afy.ca ou Souâad au 867-668-2663 poste 320.

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- [Mental health and wellness support](#)
- [Yukon Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Recovery Plan](#)
- [Yukon information on COVID-19](#)
- [Canada response and Health Canada information](#)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations COVID-19 info hub](#)