



Getting to Know Assistive Technology

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What is Assistive Technology?

Any item or equipment that helps people work around challenges so they can learn, communicate and function better. It may be homemade, specially designed, modified or made commercially.

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There Are 3 Kinds of A.T.

Low-Tech: is easy to make or adapt yourself.

Mid-Tech: may be provided by the school or available to borrow from a technology resource center.

High-Tech: can be purchased for use, or turn on accessibility options in technology you already have.

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Low-Tech Ideas

These can be anything jumbo or oversized, a slant board, highlighters, tactile rulers, pencil grips, clothespins or binder clips, Velcro, visual schedules or manipulatives like cars, blocks or cups.

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Mid-Tech Ideas

These include screen magnifiers, FM systems, voice amplifiers, mouse alternatives or adaptive keyboard for the computer, digital recorders or switches that can be pushed or tapped.

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High-Tech Ideas

These could be a tablet or iPad, smart pen, smart board, AAC (augmentative & alternative communication), text-to-speech, speech-to-text, screen readers, eye gaze tech, zoom or magnify, software programs or wearable OCR (optical character recognition).

