




Computer-Based Read-Aloud Tool *New*

New in 2011-12, students with the computer-based read-aloud tool enabled may receive the read-aloud accommodation delivered through the computer. Prior to administering tests with computer-based read-aloud, Test Administrators should ensure that each computer has audio enabled and headsets are functioning correctly. **Note:** Refer to the System Administrator Manual for details on configuring voice packs to work on your computer.

For students receiving the test in English, the read-aloud is delivered through the computer’s native voice pack. As a result, the sound quality will vary based on the computer’s operating system. For optimal results, ODE and AIR recommend using Windows 7 or Mac 10.6 machines.

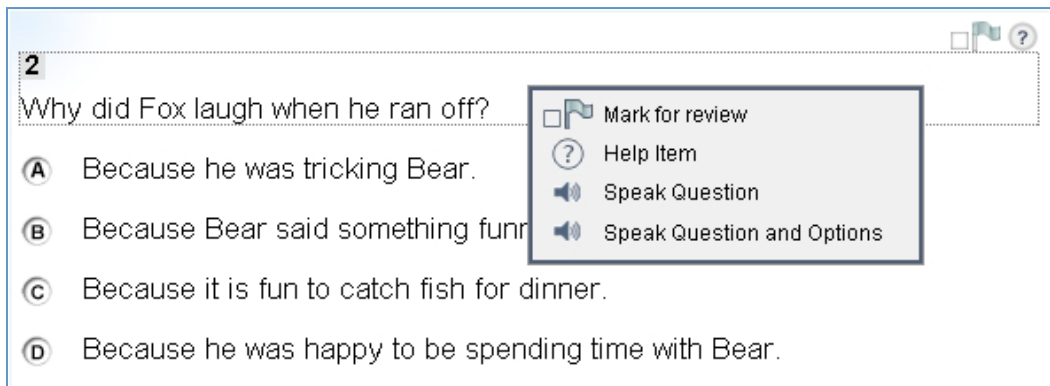


In order to use computer-based read-aloud on tests with a Spanish language setting, a Spanish voice pack must be installed. For Windows computers, ODE and AIR recommend using the Marta voice pack provided by Cepstral. This voice pack is available from <http://cepstral.com/downloads/>. For Macs, ODE and AIR recommend using the Rosa voice pack provided by Infovox. This voice pack is available from <http://www.assistiveware.com/purchase.php>.

Note: As with a human-provided read-aloud, this setting is only available for OAKS Mathematics, OAKS Science, OAKS Social Sciences, and Online Writing.

For Spanish computer-based read-aloud, only OAKS Math is available for the 2011/12 school year.

Computer-Based Read-Aloud Options



To activate the computer-based read-aloud feature (students):

1. Right-click on an area that contains text to open the context menu. A pop-up menu will appear with options to speak the question or speak the questions and answer options.
 - Students who select a portion of text and right-click will also be presented with the option to listen to the selected text.
2. Select (click) the desired read-aloud option and the text will be spoken.

If using a Mac laptop, students need to click the Control key and Touchpad to activate the popup for the read-aloud.