

Inclusive learning and Productivity

Student Support Services, Aberystwyth University

Inclusive learning

If you have a long standing health condition or a specific learning difference we can offer you advice on enabling technology and individual examination arrangements so that you can reach your full potential and get the good results you deserve. If you would like further information about our provision for students with disabilities or have specific questions, go to the [Student Support accessibility web page](#), contact us by email on disability@aber.ac.uk or phone us on 01970 621761. Our team of accessibility advisers can advise you on the types of evidence you need to access specific provision within the University.

If you believe you have a learning difference such as dyslexia/dyscalculia we can also offer you a preliminary screening assessment. We will give you immediate advice and tell you whether we think you should go on to have a more formal Educational Psychologist Assessment. We can help you to arrange this.

Productivity

All students have access to the following programs on all Aberystwyth University computers:

Inspiration - a mind mapping programme which allows you to link ideas together in a visual concept map

Texthelp Read & Write - a text to speech programme so you can hear texts or your own essay read aloud (headphones required).

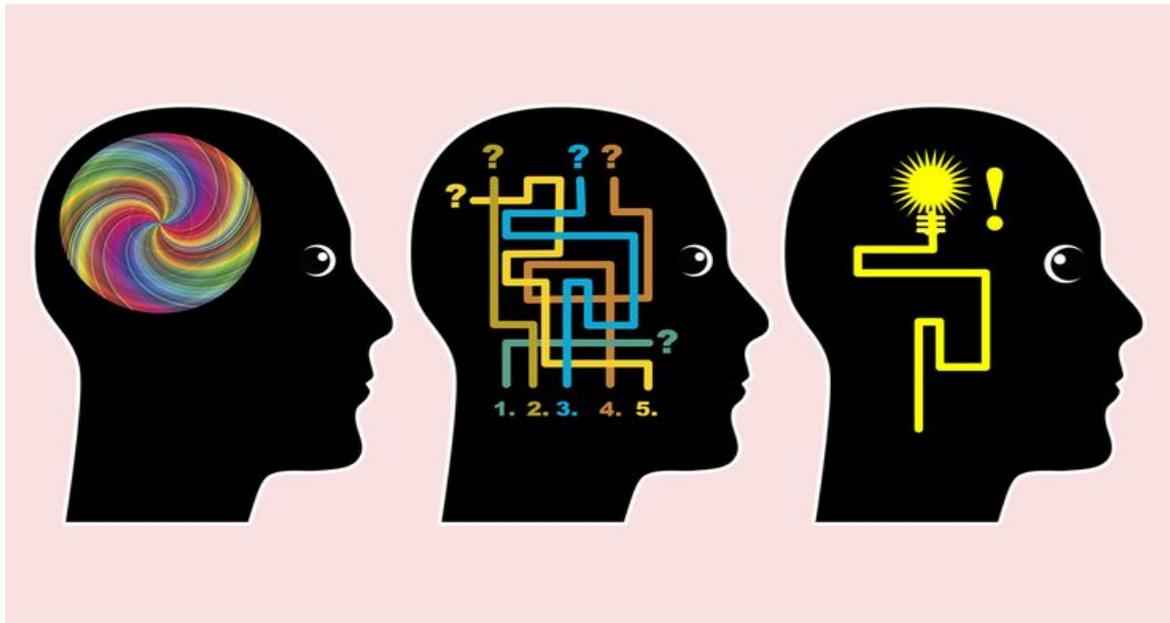
Various free browser plugins are also available on Google Chrome such as:

Text to speech: **Google text to speech**; **Balabolka**
(<http://balabolka.en.softonic.com/>)

Speed read the web with **spreed** (chrome store)

Dictating writing/ notes : **Voice note 2** (chrome store)

Learning Styles



<https://uk.pinterest.com/pin/147352219036204121/>

Your individual learning style refers to the preferential way in which you absorb, process, comprehend and retain information. Learning styles depend on cognitive, emotional and environmental factors, as well as prior experience. Exploring the way you learn can help you to study more efficiently. For example if you are a kinesthetic learner then you probably learn better when you are moving about than when you are just sitting still, so fiddling with a pen, doodling or swinging on a chair may actually help you to concentrate. There are a number of websites that offer learning styles questionnaires and related study strategies such as:

<http://vark-learn.com/the-vark-questionnaire/>

<http://www.educationplanner.org/students/self-assessments/learning-styles-quiz.shtml>

<https://www.cornerstoneondemand.com/explanation-learning-styles>

Dyslexic students may find Sheffield University's audio led study skills site useful:

<http://dyslexstudyskills.group.shef.ac.uk/>

There are also a number of useful study skills books aimed at students with specific learning difficulties such as:

Study Skills for Students with Dyslexia (SAGE Study Skills Series) by Sandra Hargreaves (Editor)

Studying with Dyslexia (Pocket Study Skills) by Janet Goodwin