

How To Use ReadRite™

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ReadRite™ reads the context around words like *read*, *lead* and *wind*, works out how each one should sound, and prepares your script so your AI voice says it right. This guide shows you how to use it, which output to choose, how to read the report, and how to fix any word by hand.

Getting started

1. **Open ReadRite.** Double-click **ReadRite.exe**. The ReadRite logo appears while it starts.
2. **Choose your manuscript.** Click **Browse…** and pick a TXT, Word (DOCX) or EPUB file.
3. **Choose the output.** Pick one of the three choices described in the next section. If you are not sure, keep the first one.
4. **Choose where to save.** By default, ReadRite saves next to your manuscript.
5. **Click Convert.** ReadRite creates a new file and a report. Click **Open Report** to read the report, or **Open Output Folder** to see both files.

Your original manuscript is never changed. ReadRite always writes a new file, such as **MyBook_READRITE.epub**, and a report named **MyBook_READRITE_REPORT.txt**. If those names are already taken, it adds a number (**MyBook_READRITE_2.epub**) instead of overwriting anything.

If Windows shows “Windows protected your PC” the first time you open ReadRite, click **More info**, then **Run anyway**.

Choosing the output

ReadRite works with any text-to-speech voice. You don’t pick a voice service; you pick the kind of file you want back. There are three choices:

Choice	What you get	Use it when
Same format as my manuscript (respelled) — the default	A new DOCX, EPUB or TXT file like your manuscript, with words such as *read* and *wind* respelled (*red*, *wined*) so the voice says them right.	Your voice app accepts your manuscript’s file type. This is the right choice for most people.

Choice	What you get	Use it when
Plain text (respelled)	A plain .txt file with the same respellings, whatever your manuscript's format.	You will paste the script into a website or app, or your voice tool only takes plain text.
SSML pronunciation tags (advanced)	An .xml file in SSML, the markup language some voice services read. Every word ReadRite decides gets an exact pronunciation tag. Nothing is respelled.	Your service accepts SSML, such as Amazon Polly or Microsoft Azure Speech. SSML also handles stress words (record, present) exactly.

Respelled or SSML: what is the difference?

A **respelled** file changes the spelling of words so any voice reads them the right way: *Last night she red the letter*. You can read the file yourself, and it works with every voice app.

An **SSML** file keeps your words as written and adds hidden instructions, such as *<phoneme ph="ɹɛd">read</phoneme>*. Only services that understand SSML can use it, but they get the exact sound for every word, including stress words like *record* and *present*.

Using the SSML file with Microsoft Azure

ReadRite writes the SSML file with a plain **<speak>** wrapper, which Amazon Polly and most SSML services accept as it is. Microsoft Azure Speech also needs to know which voice to use. Open the .xml file in Notepad and change the first and last lines like this (you can use any Azure voice name):

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<speak version="1.0" xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/synthesis" xml:lang="en-US">
<voice name="en-US-AndrewMultilingualNeural">
   … everything that was between <speak> and </speak> …
</voice>
</speak>
```

Free trial and license

Without a license, ReadRite converts **one script of up to 2,000 words**, so you can hear the difference before you buy. You can convert that same script again as often as you like, for example with a different output choice. A longer script is refused before anything is written, and it doesn't use up your trial.

1. **Buy** a license at ReadRite.US ($19.95, one-time). Your license key arrives by email.
2. In ReadRite, click **Enter License Key…**, paste the key and click **Activate**. You need an internet connection for this step.
3. That's it. No account or login is needed.

- **One computer per license.** To move ReadRite to a new computer, click **Release This Computer** on the old one first, then enter your key on the new one.
- **Working offline.** ReadRite re-checks your license about every 14 days when you're online, and keeps working for up to 60 days without a connection.
- **Old computer gone?** Contact us at support@ReadRite.US and we'll free the license for you.

What ReadRite changes

ReadRite handles 103 words automatically, the full American English list, (see the list near the end of this guide). With a respelled outpt, each one is written in a spelling a voice reads the right way. That includes stress words such as *record* (*reckerd* for a disc, *rekord* for the verb). Where the normal spelling already sounds right, such as *minute* meaning sixty seconds, the word is left as written. Respellings are always lower case, because some voices spell out capital letters one by one. With SSML output, every decided word gets an exact tag instead.

Here are real results with **Same format as my manuscript (respelled)**. Each sentence was converted on its own. ReadRite also looks at the sentences around a word, so in a longer script “I read it.” may be decided from the sentences before it.

Your manuscript	ReadRite output
Yesterday she read the letter.	Yesterday she **red** the letter.
The wind was cold, so she had to wind the clock.	The wind was cold, so she had to **wined** the clock.
They live upstairs and love live music.	They **liv** upstairs and love **lyve** music.
A tear rolled down her cheek.	A **tier** rolled down her cheek.
Close the door, and keep your notes close.	**Cloze** the door, and keep your notes **klohss**.
They will present the record.	They will **prezent** the **reckerd**.
Three does grazed while Theo does the mix.	Three **doze** grazed while Theo does the mix.
I read it.	I read it. *(listed for review: past or present can’t be told)*

ReadRite also writes out dollar amounts so they are read naturally: *$19.99* becomes *nineteen dollars and ninety-nine cents*.

Your report

The report is a plain text file next to your converted file. Read it before you record. It has these parts:

- **Summary:** how many words were examined, how many heteronyms were found, and how many were changed.
- **Review items:** words ReadRite left unchanged because the sentence alone doesn’t show which pronunciation is meant. Each one shows the sentence, the word and both choices.
- **All decisions:** every heteronym ReadRite found, where it is, what it decided and why.
- **Money amounts:** every dollar amount it wrote out.

A review item looks like this:

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[1] paragraph 2
    Sentence: I read it.
    Word:     READ — REVIEW — context insufficient to determine present vs. past pronunciation
    Options:  red (past tense / past participle) / reed (present tense / base form)
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Review items are not errors. When ReadRite isn't sure, it asks you instead of guessing. You decide, using the steps below.

Fixing words by hand

You can correct any word yourself: the review items in your report, and any word your voice still reads wrongly. Always make changes in the converted file or in your voice app's script, never in your original manuscript.

1. **Open the report** and go to **REVIEW ITEMS**.
2. **Find the sentence.** In the converted file, or in your voice app's script editor, press **Ctrl+F** and search for a few words of the sentence shown.
3. **Decide which sound is meant.** Read the sentences around it if needed.
4. **Replace the word with a respelling** that sounds right, for example *red* instead of *read*. The tips below help you choose one.
5. **Listen for anything else.** ReadRite handles its 103-word list; a rare word or a name may still need a hand fix.
6. **Listen.** Generate the audio for those sentences and check each word before you produce the full recording.

Respelling tips

- **Use a real word that sounds right whenever you can.** AI voices read real words most reliably: *red* for past-tense *read*, *led* for the metal, *tare* for a ripped *tear*, *tier* for a crying *tear*, *base* for the instrument, *bough* for taking a bow.
- **Otherwise, spell the sound simply, in lower case:** *wownd* (wound a bandage), *klohss* (close by), *rekord* (to record). Some voices read capital letters one by one, so avoid spellings like REK-ord.
- **Test a respelling once, then reuse it.** Voices differ. Try it in a short sentence, and keep a list of the ones that work for your voice.
- **If a word is still read wrongly,** respell the stressed part plainly, in lower case (for example *condukt* for the verb conduct: Piper reads it kun-DUKT), and test it once, or use your app's pronunciation tool for that one spot.
- **Don't add heteronyms to a pronunciation dictionary.** A dictionary entry changes every use of the word in your whole project, so it fixes one sentence and breaks the next. Use it only for a word that has one sound throughout your book.

> **If a respelling sounds wrong with your voice:** tell us the word and the voice you use at support@ReadRite.US. Respellings are stored in one table, so they can be improved for everyone in a future version.

Words ReadRite handles automatically (103)

In the middle columns, capital letters show the stressed syllable. The last column shows the spelling ReadRite actually writes.

Word	One way	The other way	What ReadRite does
read	reed (present, future, "to read")	red (past tense, "have read")	Respells: reed / red
lead	leed (to guide; a clue)	led (the metal)	Respells: leed / led
wind	wind, short i (moving air)	wined (to turn or coil)	Respells the verb: wined
bass	bass, as in mass (the fish)	base (low music; the instrument)	Respells: bas / base
dove	duv (the bird)	dohv (past of dive)	Respells: duv / dohv
live	liv (to be alive; to reside)	lyve (live music; broadcast live)	Respells: liv / lyve
tear	tare (to rip; a rip)	teer (from crying)	Respells: tare / tier
wound	woond (an injury)	wownd (past of wind)	Respells: woond / wownd
bow	boh (a ribbon; archery; violin)	rhymes with cow (to bend; front of a ship)	Respells: beau / bough
row	roh (a line; to paddle)	rhymes with cow (a quarrel)	Respells: roe / rau
close	klohz (to shut; the end)	klohss (near; a close friend)	Respells: cloze / klohss
record	REK-ord (a thing kept; a disc)	rih-KORD (to capture)	Respells: reckerd / rekord
present	PREZ-ent (a gift; now; here)	prih-ZENT (to show or give)	Respells: prezzent / prezent
object	OB-jekt (a thing)	ub-JEKT (to oppose)	Respells: obbject / objekt
produce	PROH-doos (fruit and vegetables)	pruh-DOOS (to make)	Respells: prohdooce / predooce
project	PRAH-jekt (a plan or task)	pruh-JEKT (to cast forward)	Respells: prahjekt / projeckt
progress	PRAH-gress (advancement)	pruh-GRESS (to move forward)	Respells: prahgress / pregress
protest	PROH-test (an objection)	pruh-TEST (to object)	Respells: proh-test / pretesst
recount	REE-kownt (a second count)	rih-KOWNT (to tell)	Respells the noun: reecount
entrance	EN-trunss (a doorway)	en-TRANSS (to enchant)	Respells: entrinse / intranse
reform	rih-FORM (to improve; noun and verb)	—	Always left as written
minute	MIN-it (sixty seconds)	my-NOOT (tiny)	Respells tiny: my-noot

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invalid	in-VAL-id (not valid)	IN-vuh-lid (a sick person)	Respells the person: innvullid
alternate	AWL-ter-nit (a substitute; every other)	AWL-ter-nate (to take turns)	Respells: alternit / alternayt
duplicate	DOO-pli-kit (a copy)	DOO-pli-kate (to copy)	Respells the copy: duplikit
August / august	AW-gust (the month)	aw-GUST (grand, dignified)	Respells grand: aw-gust
Nice / nice	NYCE (pleasant)	NEESS (the city in France)	Respells the city: Neess
aged	AYJD (grew older; aged six)	AY-jid (elderly)	Respells elderly: aijid
number	NUM-ber (a figure)	NUM-er (more numb)	Respells more numb: nummer
does	DUZ (she does)	DOHZ (female deer)	Respells the deer: doze
rebel	REB-ul (one who resists)	ri-BEL (to resist)	Respells: rebbel / rebell
permit	PER-mit (a license)	per-MIT (to allow)	Respells: purmit / permitt
subject	SUB-jekt (a topic; subject to)	sub-JEKT (to put through)	Respells the verb: sobjekt
excuse	ex-KYOOSS (a reason given)	ex-KYOOZ (to forgive)	Respells the verb: excuze
blessed	BLEST (gave a blessing)	BLESS-id (holy; welcome)	Respells holy: blessid
address	AD-ress (where you live)	uh-DRESS (to speak to)	Respells: add-ress (other left as written)
affect	AF-ekt (emotion shown, in psychology)	uh-FEKT (to influence)	Respells: aff-ekt (other left as written)
attribute	AT-trih-byoot (a quality)	uh-TRIB-yoot (to credit)	Respells: atribute / attribbute
combine	KOM-byne (a farm machine)	kum-BYNE (to join)	Respells: kahmbine (other left as written)
compact	KOM-pakt (a makeup case; a pact)	kum-PAKT (to press together)	Respells: kahmpact (other left as written)
compound	KOM-pownd (a mixture; an enclosure)	kum-POWND (to make worse)	Respells: kommpound / compownd
conduct	KON-dukt (behavior)	kun-DUKT (to lead, as music)	Respells: konduckt / condukt
conflict	KON-flikt (a fight)	kun-FLIKT (to clash)	Respells: konflikt / conflikt
console	KON-sohl (a control panel)	kun-SOHL (to comfort)	Respells: konsole / consohl
content	KON-tent (what is inside)	kun-TENT (satisfied)	Respells: kahntent / contennt
contest	KON-test (a competition)	kun-TEST (to dispute)	Respells: kahntestt / contesst

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contract	KON-trakt (an agreement)	kun-TRAKT (to shrink)	Respells: konntract / conntrakt
contrast	KON-trast (a difference)	kun-TRAST (to compare)	Respells: konntrast / conttrasst
converse	KON-verss (the opposite)	kun-VERSS (to talk)	Respells: konverse / converss
convert	KON-vert (a new believer)	kun-VERT (to change)	Respells: konvert / convertt
convict	KON-vikt (a prisoner)	kun-VIKT (to find guilty)	Respells: konvict / convikt
decrease	DEE-kreess (a drop)	dih-KREESS (to lessen)	Respells: decreese (other left as written)
defect	DEE-fekt (a flaw)	dih-FEKT (to change sides)	Respells: deefect / defekt
desert	DEZ-ert (dry land)	dih-ZERT (to abandon)	Respells: dezzert / dessert
digest	DY-jest (a summary)	dy-JEST (to absorb food)	Respells: dyjestt / dejest
discount	DIS-kownt (a price cut)	dis-KOWNT (to dismiss)	Respells: discownt (other left as written)
escort	ES-kort (a companion)	ih-SKORT (to accompany)	Respells: esskort / ascort
export	EKS-port (goods sent out)	ik-SPORT (to send out)	Respells: eksport / exportt
extract	EKS-trakt (a concentrate)	ik-STRAKT (to pull out)	Respells: ekstract / extrrakt
import	IM-port (goods brought in)	im-PORT (to bring in)	Respells: im-port (other left as written)
incline	IN-klyne (a slope)	in-KLYNE (to lean)	Respells: innkline (other left as written)
increase	IN-kreess (a rise)	in-KREESS (to grow)	Respells: innkrease / incrrease
insert	IN-sert (an added page)	in-SERT (to put in)	Respells: innsurt / insurt
insult	IN-sult (a rude remark)	in-SULT (to offend)	Respells: insullt (other left as written)
perfect	PER-fikt (flawless)	per-FEKT (to improve)	Respells: purfect / perfeckt
refund	REE-fund (money returned)	rih-FUND (to pay back)	Respells: reefund / refunnd
refuse	REF-yoos (garbage)	rih-FYOOZ (to decline)	Respells: reffuce / refuze
reject	REE-jekt (something turned down)	rih-JEKT (to turn down)	Respells: reeject (other left as written)
survey	SER-vay (a study)	ser-VAY (to look over)	Respells: servay / survvey
suspect	SUS-pekt (a likely culprit)	suh-SPEKT (to believe guilty)	Respells: susspect / suspeckt

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torment	TOR-ment (suffering)	tor-MENT (to torture)	Respells: tormmennt / tormentt
transfer	TRANS-fer (a move)	trans-FER (to move)	Respells: trannsfur / transferr
transport	TRANS-port (a vehicle)	trans-PORT (to carry)	Respells: trannsport / transportt
update	UP-dayt (new information)	up-DAYT (to bring up to date)	Respells: uppdate / updayt
upset	UP-set (a surprise loss)	up-SET (to disturb; unhappy)	Respells: uppset / upsett
advocate	AD-vuh-kit (a supporter)	AD-vuh-kayt (to support)	Respells: advokit (other left as written)
appropriate	uh-PROH-pree-it (suitable)	uh-PROH-pree-ayt (to take)	Respells: appropriit / appropriayt
articulate	ar-TIK-yuh-lit (well-spoken)	ar-TIK-yuh-layt (to express)	Respells: articulit (other left as written)
associate	uh-SOH-see-it (a partner)	uh-SOH-see-ayt (to connect)	Respells: associit (other left as written)
delegate	DEL-uh-git (a representative)	DEL-uh-gayt (to assign)	Respells: deleggit (other left as written)
deliberate	dih-LIB-er-it (on purpose)	dih-LIB-er-ayt (to think over)	Respells: deliberit / deliberayt
elaborate	ih-LAB-er-it (detailed)	ih-LAB-er-ayt (to explain more)	Respells: elaborit / elaborayt
estimate	ES-tuh-mit (a guess)	ES-tuh-mayt (to guess)	Respells: estimit / estimayt
graduate	GRAJ-oo-it (one who graduated)	GRAJ-oo-ayt (to finish school)	Respells: gradjuit / gradjuuayt
intimate	IN-tuh-mit (close, private)	IN-tuh-mayt (to hint)	Respells: intimayt (other left as written)
moderate	MOD-er-it (not extreme)	MOD-er-ayt (to preside)	Respells: moderit / moderayt
separate	SEP-rit (apart)	SEP-uh-rate (to divide)	Respells: seprit / separayt
abuse	uh-BYOOS (mistreatment)	uh-BYOOZ (to mistreat)	Respells: abuce / abuze
house	HOWS (a home)	HOWZ (to shelter)	Respells: howsse / howze
use	YOOS (a purpose)	YOOZ (to employ)	Respells: yooss / yooz
lives	LIVZ (she lives here)	LYVZ (nine lives)	Respells: livz / lyves
bowed	BOHD (played with a bow)	rhymes with loud (bent forward)	Respells: bode (other left as written)
sow	SOH (to plant seeds)	rhymes with cow (a female pig)	Respells: sau (other left as written)

Word	One way	The other way	What ReadRite does
sewer	SOO-er (a drain)	SOH-er (one who sews)	Respells: sower (other left as written)
moped	MOH-ped (a motor scooter)	MOHPT (sulked)	Respells: moapt (other left as written)
putting	rhymes with cutting (golf)	rhymes with footing (placing)	Respells: puttting (other left as written)
resume	rih-ZOOM (to continue)	REZ-oo-may (a job history)	Respells: rezzoomay (other left as written)
axes	AK-seez (plural of axis)	AK-siz (plural of ax)	Respells: axeez (other left as written)
buffet	buh-FAY (a self-serve meal)	BUFF-it (to strike)	Respells: befay / buffit
mobile	MOH-bul (able to move; a phone)	MOH-beel (a hanging ornament)	Respells: mohbeel (other left as written)
learned	LER-nid (scholarly)	LERND (found out)	Respells: lernd / lernid
Job / job	JOHB (the Bible book)	JOB (work)	Respells: Jobe (other left as written)
Polish / polish	POH-lish (from Poland)	POL-ish (to shine)	Respells: pollish / Pohlish

ReadRite also handles the -s forms of the stress words, such as *records* (*reckerds* for old records, *rekords* for “she records”), *presents*, *objects*, *protests*, *projects*, *permits*, *rebels*, *subjects* and *excuses*. When it can’t tell a plural noun from a verb, for example “Group projects teach teamwork,” it lists the word for review.

Words not on the list

ReadRite now handles every word on its 103-word list of American English heteronyms. A rare heteronym, a name, or a word from another language may still be read wrongly by a simple voice. If you hear one, fix it by hand using the steps in “Fixing words by hand,” and tell us at support@ReadRite.US so we can add it.

Need help?

If a word sounds wrong and the tips above don’t fix it, or you have a question about your license, email **support@ReadRite.US** or visit **ReadRite.US**. Tell us the sentence and which voice service you use.