Accessibility Features on Macintosh

There are several options already available to users of all abilities who own Macintosh computers. There are 4 categories of access offered on a Mac: Literacy and learning; vision; hearing; and physical and motor skills.

- ➢ **Literacy and Learning**- features are built-in and accommodate learning disabilities to improve productivity and academic performance.
    - ▪ **Features include**: Text to speech, spaces, grammar and spelling check, word completion, Finder, iCal, and Grapher.

- ➢ **Vision**- features are built-in and allow visually impaired and blind persons to access the computer.
    - ▪ **Features include:** VoiceOver, screen magnification, text to speech, and refreshable Braille display support.

- ➢ **Hearing**- features are built-in to facilitate deaf or hard of hearing persons with tools to access the computer.
    - ▪ **Features include**: iChat, closed captioning, Photo Booth, GarageBand, and screen flashes for when an alert sounds.

➢ **Physical and Motor Skills-** features are built-in and provide support through keyboard, mouse, or trackpad for people with motor skill or physical challenges.

  ▪ **Features include**: Automator, sticky keys (key combinations in sequence instead of simultaneous), slow keys (adds a delay between key strokes to avoid mistakes), mouse keys (using buttons on the keyboard instead of trackpad or mouse), multi-touch trackpad, Inkwell, and keyboard shortcuts.

To change/view accessibility options on your Mac: Go to System Preferences and select Universal Access located at the bottom right under the "System" category.

For more information and descriptions of features go to the following website: http://www.apple.com/education/special-education/

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