

## **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), multitouch 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: <a href="http://www.apple.com/education/special-education/">http://www.apple.com/education/special-education/</a>



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