

How to Train Speak Q to Recognize Your Voice

Speak Q is a program that suffers from some glitches—including occasional crashes. It requires patience but in the end is worthwhile. Use the following walk-through to train students.

Walk-Through

Part One: First time setup

1. Double click on essential tools.
2. Double click on Word Q/Speak Q
3. Wait for word Q to load. It can take a while.
4. On "Welcome to the New User Setup Window" click next.
5. Choose Canadian Advanced (grade 7 and above) click next
6. Save your vocabulary click next
7. Enter your name to save vocabulary and click save.



Part Two: Setting up a Speech Profile

1. Click options
2. Click speech recognition
3. Click new
4. Enter your name as the profile name
5. Follow the microphone wizard instructions
6. Click finish, click OK

Tips

1. Try changing the computer's voice.
 - a. Choose options.
 - b. Choose "Speech feedback."
 - c. "Heather" is the most natural.
 - d. Speak Q does have several French speakers.
 - e. You can also adjust the reading speed, pitch, and volume



Part Two: Training "Speak Q"

1. Click on options.
2. Choose train speech.
3. Click on my computer.
4. Choose the "X" drive
5. Click on Kurzweil folder
6. Click on Speak Q training.
7. Select a text file.
8. Click open
9. Follow the instructions

Using Word Q

- Word Q is predictive text software.
- You can take advantage of this software by using your texting abilities.
- As you type your answers Word Q predicts the words that you are likely to use.
- Also the computer reads your sentences back to you.
- You should try this software from an editing perspective.
- As you write the computer aids your understanding by reading back the words as they are on the page, not as they are in your mind.
- Anyone who has written lengthy papers knows how invaluable this is.



How to use Word Q – A walk-through

1. Double click on “Essential Tools”.
2. Double click on “Word Q.”
3. Wait for a while—it takes some time to load.
4. Click on the “Speech” and “Words” buttons.
5. Type your document.
6. As you type, Word Q predicts and reads back your work.

Tips

1. You can turn off the speech part of the software and simply use the predictive text function. Click the “speech” button to toggle speech on or off.
2. You can review his work by selecting the whole text and clicking on the “read” button.
3. Speak Q functionality can be added with a microphone and by clicking the “mic” button.
4. This function is more RAM intensive, therefore be ready for some glitches. Also you must train Speak Q to recognize her voice.
5. When you write the O.S.S.L.T. you may be able to take advantage of this assistive technology while you write the test--provided that you use the technology on a regular basis.

