

LAB Notes

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LAB Resources is located in the Old Main Street Center across from Pewaukee Lake.

IntelliTalk 3: A Versatile Talking Word Processor

The new IntelliTalk 3 from IntelliTools is designed to meet the needs of many educational settings.

Although it includes within it many powerful tools, it can be run as a simple talking word processor providing auditory feedback for letters, words, and/or sentences as a student types.

Does your student need word prediction, too? Word prediction is integrated into IntelliTalk 3 and can easily be turned on.

Would your student benefit from word banks?

You can create your own word banks as well as picture banks.

Do you have a student who needs a simple onscreen keyboard? That, too, is available within IntelliTalk 3.

IntelliTalk 3 is priced at \$134.95 for a single copy and \$549.95 for a 5-pack until 6-30-04.

45-day trial CDs are available from LAB Resources.



A talking word processor with word prediction



Picture banks can be added for beginning writers.

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Technology Tuesdays at LAB Resources

In Fall, 2003 LAB Resources began offering after school workshops designed to help educators integrate assistive technology into the

curriculum and help students reach their goals.

These workshops were offered on one Tuesday a month from 4 to 6 PM.

Classes covered in fall and

winter were: The Basics of Dragon NaturallySpeaking, textHELP Read and Write, Using the Dragon Naturally Mobile

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What to do when Dragon NaturallySpeaking Ver. 7 doesn't recognize what you say!

Although Dragon NaturallySpeaking never makes spelling errors, it occasionally puts in a different word than was said into a document.

There are 2 types of errors that can occur when you dictate: **Recognition errors** and **Speaker errors**. Recognition errors are errors the software makes recognizing your speech. For example, you may say, "there are" and the software may think you said, "where". Speaker errors, on the other hand, are errors the speaker makes, such as misspoken words. For example, you might have coughed in the middle of a word. Or, the word just came out wrong.

There is no difference in how Recognition and Speaker errors are corrected. When you correct these errors, you are not only correcting the text on your screen, but teaching NaturallySpeaking more about how you speak. As NaturallySpeaking learns to understand you better, your voice file will improve and future dictation will be more accurate.

One method of correcting these errors is to **make corrections using the mouse and keyboard**: Making corrections using the keyboard and/or mouse is natural to most computer users. If you do not need a hands-free solution, this may be a convenient way for you to correct errors. To use this method, dictate some text. Then, Drag your mouse over the word or words that need to be corrected to highlight them. Type the correct text. NaturallySpeaking will determine based on the original text and the correction whether this was a recognition error or a speaker error – and correct your voice file if appropriate.

*Be sure you **highlight** the text you want to correct! If you erase the errors by back spacing or using the delete key, your voice file will not improve.*

Another method is to make corrections using your voice so that you don't have to stop and use the keyboard. This is the **Select and Say method**. When you use Select and Say, you select the incorrect text by voice. Dragon NaturallySpeaking will highlight the word you selected and also show you a short list of its next best guesses of what you said. You can either choose from the list or just say it again. Here's how it works:

- ◆ Dictate a few sentences until a recognition error appears.
- ◆ Select the error by saying '**Select**' plus the incorrect words. Do not pause in the middle of this command.
- ◆ After you select an error, the **Correction Window** appears. This window shows NaturallySpeaking's best guesses for what you may have said. If what you really said is in this window, say '**choose**' plus the number next to it.

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Recorder, and TestTalker.

We have one workshop left this spring and that will be Intro to IntelliTools Classroom Suite on April 27 from 4 to 6 p.m.

IntelliTools Classroom Suite contains IntelliTalk 3, IntelliPics Studio 3, and IntelliMathics 3. Participants will learn the basics—including teacher options, how to

create student, teacher and class files, and how to assign activities and generate reports. You will also create your own activity that you can take home with you.

If you would like to register for our April class, Intro to IntelliTools Classroom Suite, please call LAB Resources.

If you would like to be put on our

mailing list for our fall 2004 schedule, please call us at

262-691-3476 or 800-691-3476.



Inservice opportunities at LAB Resources

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◆ If the word you dictated does not appear in the Correction Window, say *'Spell That'* and then spell it aloud.

If you need hands-free access, choose the *Select and Say* method. Select and Say works in many applications, including MS Word and DragonPad.

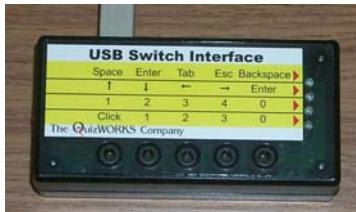
The LAB Lessons tutorial for Dragon NaturallySpeaking will help you get up and running quickly with this software. Dragon NaturallySpeaking is also available from LAB Resources. For pricing or any questions, please call LAB Resources at 262-691-3476 or 800-691-3476.

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QuizWORKS USB Switch Interface

If you would like to connect a switch to a computer, a switch interface is needed.

The QuizWORKS USB Switch Interface is



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manufactured by Current Works, located in Wauconda, IL. It was reviewed by Joan Tanenhaus in the Oct. Nov. 2002 Closing the

Gap issue. She stated "the QuizWORKS USB Switch Interface is simple to use and very reliable.

The QuizWORKS USB Switch Interface is available at a discounted price from LAB Resources for \$91.95. Please call LAB Resources if you have any questions.

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