

Microsoft Immersive Reader – User Guide

<u>Microsoft Immersive Reader</u>: is a powerful set of tools designed to enhance reading and comprehension for users of all abilities, particularly those with learning differences or literacy challenges. It's available in various Microsoft applications, including Microsoft Edge, OneNote, Outlook, and Microsoft Teams. Immersive Reader offers the following features:

- 1. **Text-to-Speech**: Immersive Reader can read aloud text from documents or web pages, helping users follow along and comprehend content more effectively.
- 2. **Font Customization**: Users can adjust font size, style, and spacing to suit their reading preferences and needs, making text more readable and accessible.
- 3. **Line Focus**: This feature highlights specific lines or sentences within a paragraph, reducing visual clutter and aiding focus while reading.
- 4. **Syllable Emphasis**: Immersive Reader breaks words into syllables and highlights them as they are read aloud, assisting users in recognizing and pronouncing complex words.
- 5. **Grammar Options**: Users can visualize different parts of speech (nouns, verbs, adjectives) in text, promoting a better understanding of sentence structure and grammar.
- 6. **Picture Dictionary**: This feature provides image representations of difficult words, helping users build connections between words and their meanings.
- 7. **Translation**: Immersive Reader supports translation of text into various languages, enabling users who are non-native speakers or have language learning needs to access content in their preferred language.
- 8. **Reading Coach**: This allows users to practice their reading skills and be provided with bespoke reports on reading fluency and pronunciation.

In this guide, we will demonstrate the steps for enabling each tool in the Immersive Reader (IR).

Please note that Microsoft immersive reader is a multi-platform tool exclusive to Windows software and therefore, accessing each tool may look different on varying applications.

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 When the immersive reader sign is showing on a website or in an application, press it to unlock features such Line Focus



- Simply click the toggle to enable line focus

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- Choose between a focus on one, three or five lines

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- When in the IR, simply click on a word to see the picture definition
- Click the speaker icon for IR to read the word aloud

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