

# How to use the Read&Write toolbar



within Kentucky TestNav for  
accommodated state testing





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Visit this link to access Grade 5, 8, and 11 [Accommodated Practice Tests](#) on the KY Portal (see highlighted example).

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## Test Preparation

Practice Tests and Content Based Answer Keys/Rubrics

Access resources for educators to prepare students for testing.

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- Grade 5 Editing & Mechanics Accommodated Practice Test
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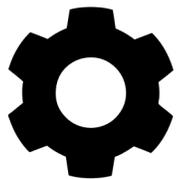
## Close up view of the Read&Write toolbar options



Select the 'click to speak' button, then click anywhere in the text to start reading aloud.



Play--Pause--Stop



Settings

## Here is the Read&Write toolbar within a Kentucky TestNav Accommodated Practice Test

TestNav Guest

**Part A**

1 Question

Writer's Reference Sheet

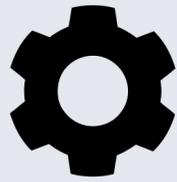
Grade 5

**Focusing**

- Read the prompt.
- Think about what the prompt is asking you to do.
- Read the provided text set (articles, pictures, charts, tables and/or graphs).
- Think about key issues in the texts that will help you fulfill the purpose of writing your opinion.

**Pre-writing**

- Think about the task and purpose for writing.
- Think of your opinion statement and supporting facts and details. Remember to use **at least 2** of the provided sources to support your opinion.
- Use a pre-writing technique (brainstorming, webbing, drawing, outlining) to plan how you will organize your ideas for the introduction, body paragraphs and conclusion of your essay.



Click the gear symbol to open the Settings menu:

- Students can adjust voice speed:  
Slow -- Medium -- Fast
- There are 4 Text Highlight options
- Choose from 2 Speech Mode options: click OR hover

The screenshot shows a web application interface for a writing practice test. The top navigation bar includes a 'Review' button, a 'Bookmark' button, and a 'Guest' user profile. The main content area displays a writing prompt: 'On-Demand Writing Direction: Carefully read the prompt below. Then read the provided texts. Enter your essay in the space provided.' A settings menu is open, showing the following options:

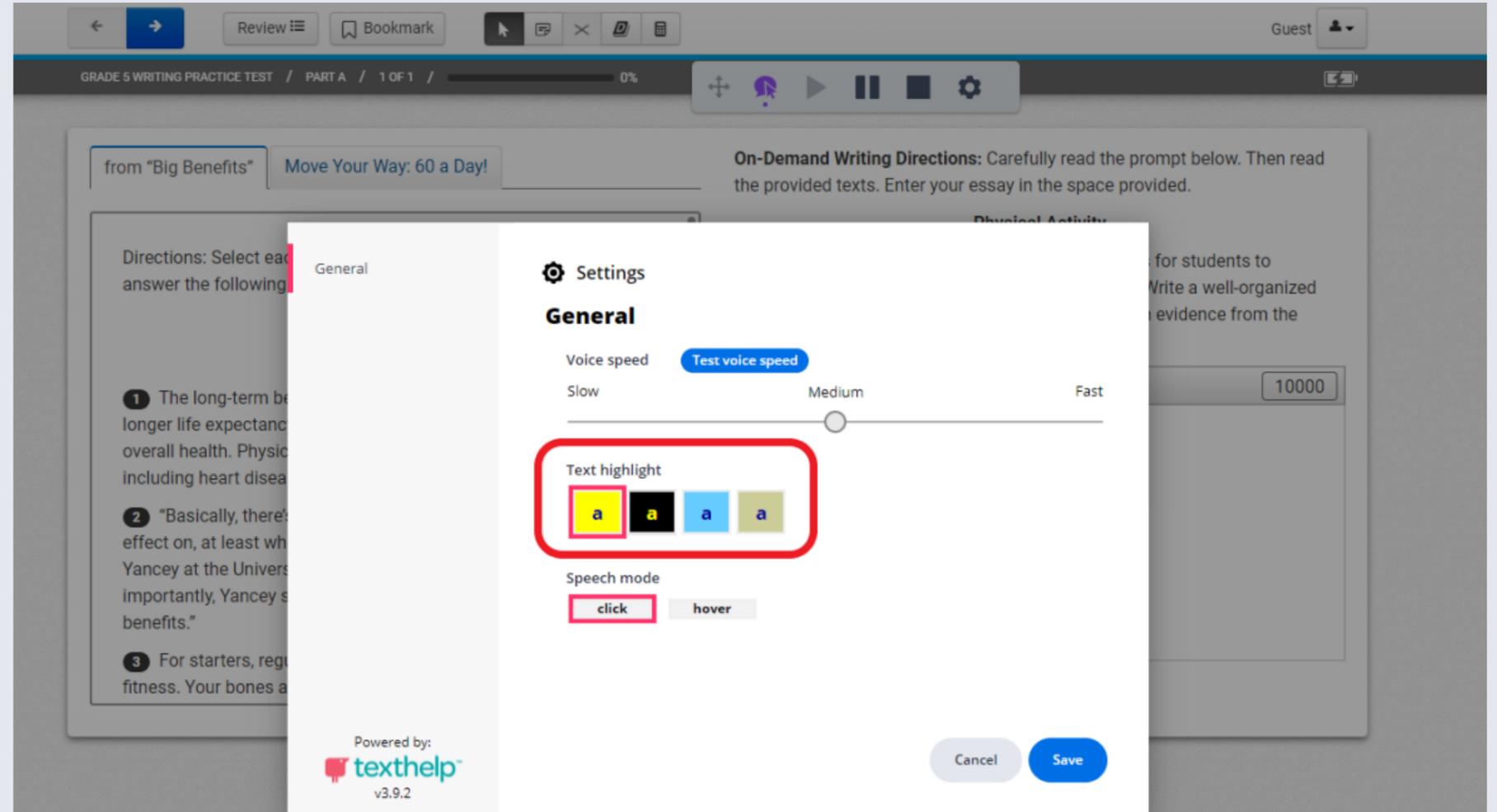
- Voice speed:** A slider with 'Slow', 'Medium', and 'Fast' labels. A 'Test voice speed' button is present.
- Text highlight:** Four color-coded boxes labeled 'a': yellow, black, blue, and green.
- Speech mode:** Two radio buttons labeled 'click' and 'hover'.

At the bottom of the settings menu, there are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons. The background text of the writing prompt is partially visible, including the instruction: 'Directions: Select each answer the following...'



Students can choose their favorite Text Highlight option as shown below:

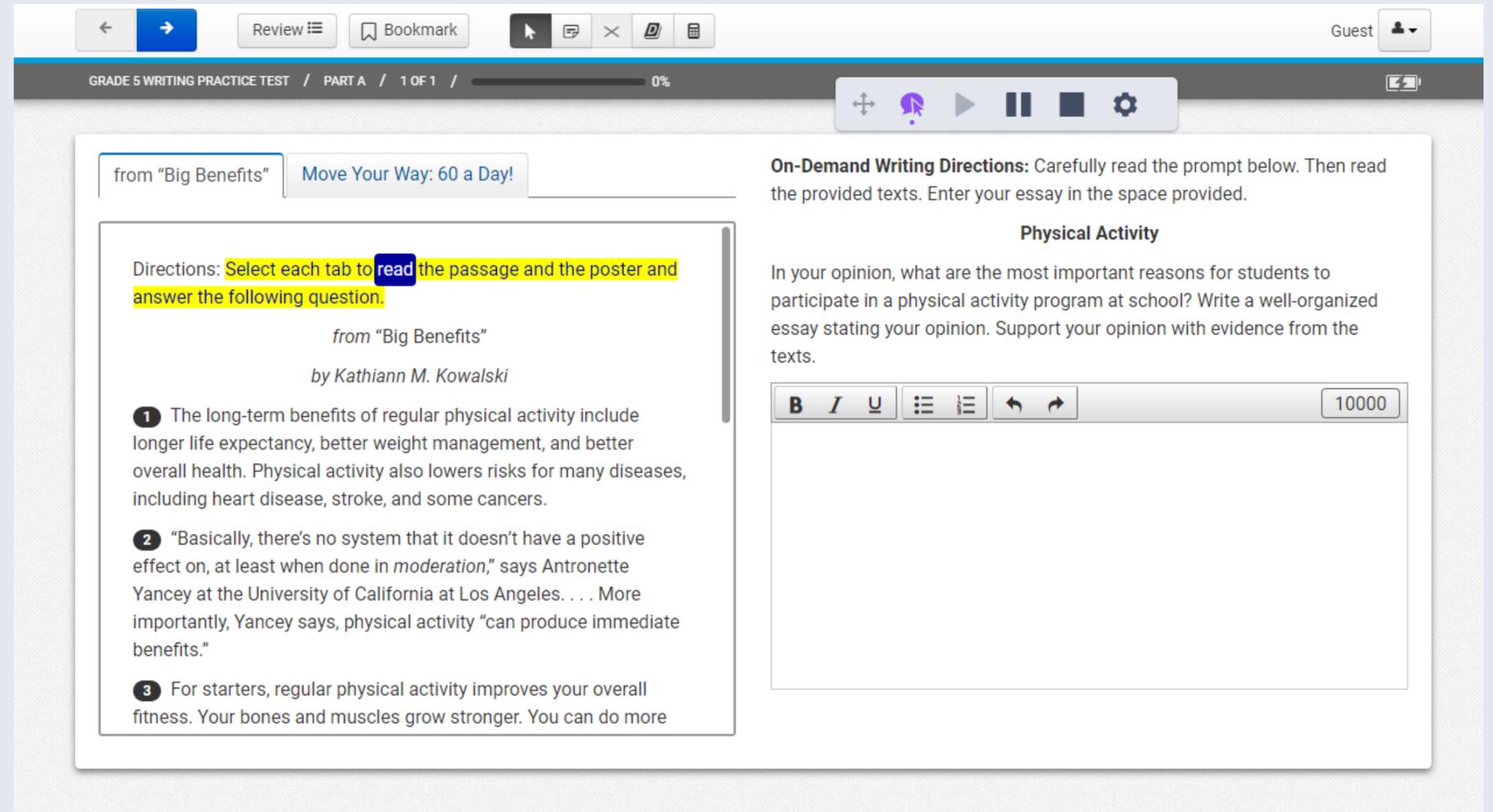
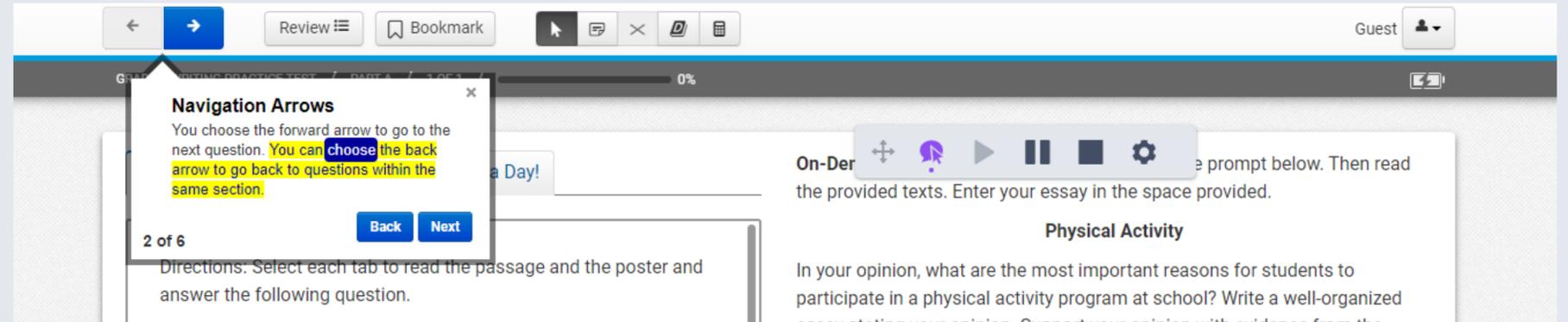
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Example of Read&Write reading instructions within a TestNav drop down box.

Example of Read&Write reading directions within a TestNav passage.





In the Grade 5 Writing Accommodated Practice Test, students can open the TestNav Dictionary and Thesaurus.

Just type a word and then hit the blue search button to access the definition. Use Read&Write to read the definition aloud as shown.

A screenshot of a web-based test interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Review', 'Bookmark', and a 'TestNav' icon circled in red with a red arrow pointing to a dictionary pop-up. The main content area shows a writing prompt titled 'Move Your Way: 60 a Day!' with directions to read a passage and answer a question. The passage is about the benefits of regular physical activity. A dictionary pop-up window is open over the word 'regular' in the passage. The pop-up shows the word 'regular' in a search box, a blue search button, and two tabs: 'Dictionary' and 'Thesaurus'. Below the search box, it says 'Dictionary entries for regular: regular [adjective]'. The main definition is 'regular \ 're-gyə-lər\ adjective' with a speaker icon. Five numbered definitions are listed: 1. steady in practice or occurrence; 2. following established usages or rules; 3. NORMAL (sense: 1); 4. following the usual manner of inflection; 5. having all sides equal and all angles equal. The Merriam-Webster logo is in the bottom right of the pop-up. The background shows a writing prompt and a '10000' character count.



# Access the KDE Online Testing Toolbox

## Text-To-Speech

The Text-To-Speech capability in TestNav was developed by TextHelp and has nearly the same functionality as previous text reader software.

In order for a student to receive the TTS functionality during testing the functionality will need to be turned on in PAN, **before** the student is placed into a session. To setup a student for TTS the DAC/BAC will have two options.

- The DAC/BAC can enter the information into PAN via the User Interface (UI)
- The DAC/BAC can export a file from PAN, make updates to the student record on the file, and import the file back in to PAN.

Detailed instructions for this are posted in the Text to Speech (TTS) and IEP/504 Instructions located on the [Kentucky Portal](#) under the Guidance Tab.

It is highly advisable that students and staff practice the new Text-To-Speech system by utilizing the [accommodated practice tests](#) which has the Text-To-Speech activated.

