

Using the Text-to-Speech Feature

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To use Text-To-Speech:

1. Locate an EBSCOhost article in HTML format which you would like read to you.
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3. Click the **Settings** icon

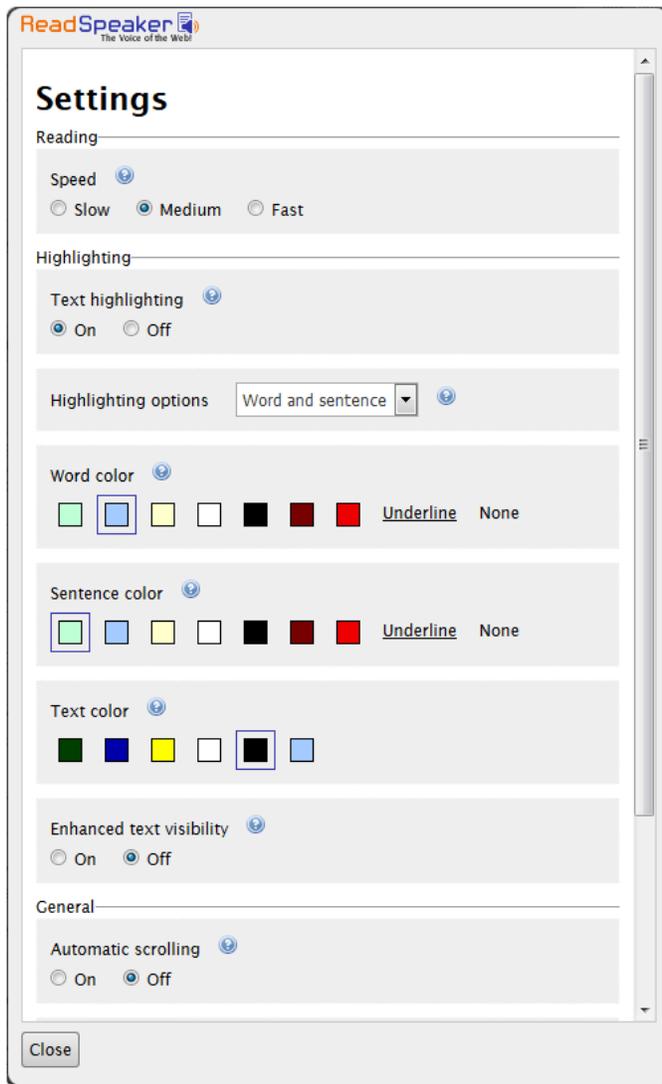


to set your **Reading Speed** and **Highlighting Options**.

Select your reading settings, including:

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- Text Highlighting and Options (Word Color, Sentence Color, Text Color)
- Enhanced Text Visibility
- Automatic Scrolling





4. Click the **Listen** button to hear the article read aloud.

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Click the **Download** button



to download an MP3 file of the article being read to your computer.

Use Text-To-Speech to Hear a Section of an Article

You may also choose to have only a section of an article read to you.



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INTRODUCTION
IT IS APPROPRIATE TO EXAMINE the concept of water resource systems as a foundation for consideration of the distribution issues that impact human use of the resource throughout the world. One helpful approach is to consider a basic problem in the provision of water, namely the disparity between the distribution of available water versus the demand for the resource in a specific region or locale (Gurus, 1972). There are three basic types of maldistribution of water resources. First, one may envision a geographical/spatial maldistribution of the resource; the geographical area may be experiencing a flood condition (excess water) or a drought condition (insufficient water). In either case, the water availability fails to match the present demand. A second type of maldistribution of water is temporal. For example, the water may be available during the spring of the year following snowmelt in upstream areas. However, this water may not be available later in the growing season when it is needed for irrigation purposes. The third type of maldistribution of water as a resource is qualitative. The mineral, biological, and physical attributes of the water as it is available at specific locations may limit the use of the water for beneficial uses. For example, brackish water may be unfit for human and animal consumption and may have limited value for other purposes. One role for the field of water resource systems is to undertake the studies and research needed to enable sufficient water to be available within a specific locality or region in order to meet both present as well as future demands.

Traditional analysis to the water resource professionals to apply techniques of systems analysis to water and to provide the resource on an as needed basis. This approach is still

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Downloading Text-to-Speech MP3s

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To download Text-to-Speech MP3 files:

1. On the Text-to-Speech toolbar, click the **Download** button.



2. Select to **Open** or **Save** the file to your computer.



3. If saving the file, browse to a location in the **Save As** dialog box and click **Save**.

The MP3 file is saved to your computer.

