Comparison of Various Speech Recognition Systems

Students Who:	Dragon Naturally Speaking	Dragon Dictate	Microsoft Speech Recognition	Speak Q	Guide Hands- Free (needs Dragon 11.5)	Dragon Dictation
Need a specific platform	PC	Mac	PC	PC	PC	iOS
Have no access or minimal access to keyboard	Х				Х	
Have typing abilities	X	Х	х	х	Х	Х
Have the ability to memorize voice commands	х	Х	х			
Are younger				х		
Have poor spelling skills	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Need training texts read out loud				х	Х	
Require auditory feedback of writing	X	х		X (immediate)	X (immediate)	
Have visual needs that require font size of correction box adjusted				X	Х	
Need color customization for learning needs	X			X	Х	
Have a verbal vocabulary that is higher than written expression	х	Х	X	X	Х	Х
Need to navigate throughout system	x	some	some		specialized browser	
Trial copies available	No	No	Free	Yes, 30 day	Yes, 30 day	Free

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