IntelliTalk II

Reading e-Text: Step by Step

Activity

Using this tutorial, we will first access an online educational website, then cut and paste text into an IntelliTalk II file and customize the speech options for a student.

*Note: If you are using a Macintosh, substitute the ⌘/Command key for the Control/Control key in the keyboard

Instructions

1. Load IntelliTalk II

- Open IntelliTalk II to an untitled document.

2. Get Ready to Go Surfing

- For this activity, we will copy text from President Kennedy's inaugural address, January 20, 1961, from factmonster.com
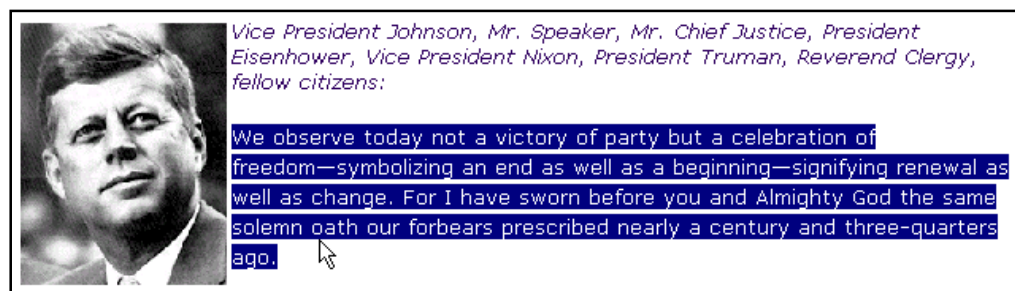
- Click on the link http://www.factmonster.com/spot/inaugural5.html or copy and paste it into your web browser.
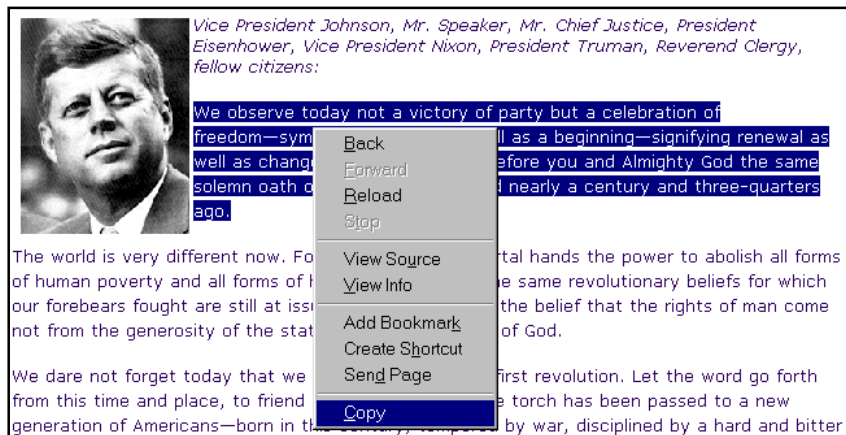
3. Copying Text

- Select the text you want to copy by placing the mouse pointer at the beginning of the first paragraph of the speech and holding down the left mouse button. Drag the mouse until the text you want is highlighted.

- Go to the **Edit menu** and select **Copy [Control+C]**. This copies the text to the computer's clipboard.

Note: You can also hold down your right mouse button and select **Copy** from the **Context menu**.

4. Pasting Text into IntelliTalk II

The copied text is stored on the clipboard and can be copied to other text programs.

- Bring up IntelliTalk II by clicking once on the icon located on your task bar at the bottom of your desktop.

- Go to the **Edit menu** and click on **Paste [Control+V]**. The text that was copied from the encyclopedia will be displayed on the screen within IntelliTalk II.
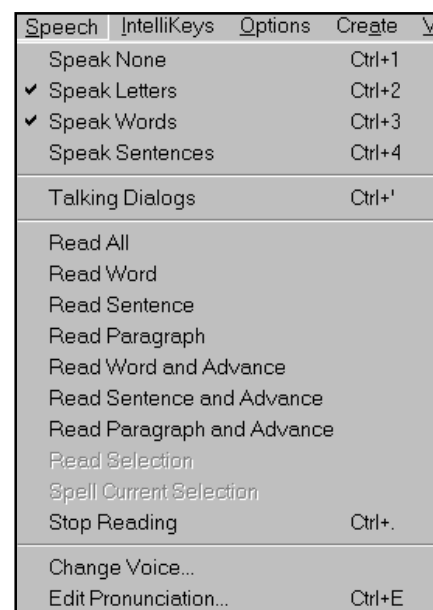
Note: You may need to edit the formatting of the text.

5. Modifying the Text for Font and Size

- Select (highlight) the text.

- Move the mouse pointer to the Font menu and select Chicago font. Move the mouse pointer to the **Size menu** and select **26pt**.

6. Reading with IntelliTalk II Speech

Text can be read in its entirety or by current paragraph, current sentence, or current word. This feature can assist students who have difficulty with reading and can provide auditory cues to perform functions. A colored box highlights each word as it is spoken; this helps the reader to follow along. Options allow the text to be read word by word with the Advance feature. Both the Speech Menu and keyboard commands can be used to turn speech on and off.

Speech	IntelliKeys	Options	Cre<u>a</u>te	V
Speak None			Ctrl+1	
✔ Speak Letters			Ctrl+2	
✔ Speak Words			Ctrl+3	
Speak Sentences			Ctrl+4	
Talking Dialogs			Ctrl+'	
Read All				
Read Word				
Read Sentence				
Read Paragraph				
Read Word and Advance				
Read Sentence and Advance				
Read Paragraph and Advance				
Read Selection				
Spell Current Selection				
Stop Reading			Ctrl+.	
Change Voice...				
Edit Pronunciation...			Ctrl+E	

- Go to the **Speech** menu. Select **Speak Words** and **Speak Sentences.** A check appears if the item is selected. Notice you can choose to hear words, sentences, paragraphs or the entire page.

- IntelliTalk II speaks highlighted text, or the sentence containing the cursor.

- Place your mouse cursor on any word. Go to the **Speech** menu and select **Read Sentence.** IntelliTalk II will speak the sentence containing your cursor.