**Intl Week 2 : Chris**

**Chris:** [00:00:04] Hello, I'm Chris Jenkins and I'm going to share with you why assistive technology is so important to me as a person. It gives me a window into the world because it's difficult for me to see what's going on around me. The assistive technology like a screen reader and a magnifier can announce things on screen, such as documents, and it can magnify what's happening around me in a better way than using a conventional pair of binoculars

and I can save those images and I can replay them as often as I need to. I use assistive technology for about 80% of my work and I use it significantly for organising my time and my leisure activities, also for communicating with people near and far and I think it's really important for people all around the world, particularly in locations where people find it difficult and challenging and isolating.

Technology is a really good way of bridging some of those gaps and opening up opportunities for all.