**Text to speech**

**Jon:** [00:00:04] This is a short video about using text to speech, a feature that can read out any text on your computer. So from an article, a document, a website. The first step, I'm going to go into the system preferences and into accessibility and into speech and from here, I'm going to turn on speak selected text when the key is pressed.

The keyboard shortcut by default is option, option, escape, or alt escape, but I can change it to something else if I prefer, I can choose from a variety of different voices including different accents and different languages. And if I go to customize, I'll find a selection of more voices and more languages.

I can adjust the speed at which it speaks using the slider. And now I'm going to give it a try with a website.

So I select the text I want to read and I press escape.

**Voiceover:** [00:01:06] We support individuals, organisations, and social justice projects to create inclusive cultures where diversity is valued.

**Jon:** [00:01:12] I pressed the same shortcut again, to stop it. This can be useful for different people. So. If someone finds it difficult to extract, meaning from text and they have to read over it several times, for example, a dyslexic learner.

They may find that they extract the meaning more quickly by listening as well as reading. Some people learn best when they're able to move. So this allows people to put something on, to listen to, and then be able to move around the room or do a physical task that helps keep them focused. Some people may need to adjust their position whilst they're working.

For example, due to pain so they may prefer not to be sat in front of the computer and this frees them to work in whatever position is comfortable,

For blind or vision impaired users who want a more complete system of listening to everything on the computer. There is this option, voiceover, which we'll go into more detail in, in another video, but it provides a way to listen to all content on the computer and control the computer using the keyboard.