Large print makes the words easier to read.

Northamptonshire Local Offer:

A User Guide to Browsealoud

Northamptonshire County Council

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This is a user guide to Browsealoud. Browsealoud is an accessibility widget which is found on all Northamptonshire County Council webpages. It is used to make information on the website easier to access if you have a disability, a sensory impairment or if you speak another language.

What is Browsealoud?

The Browsealoud widget allows users to customise the pages they are viewing, translate into another language and listen to the text.
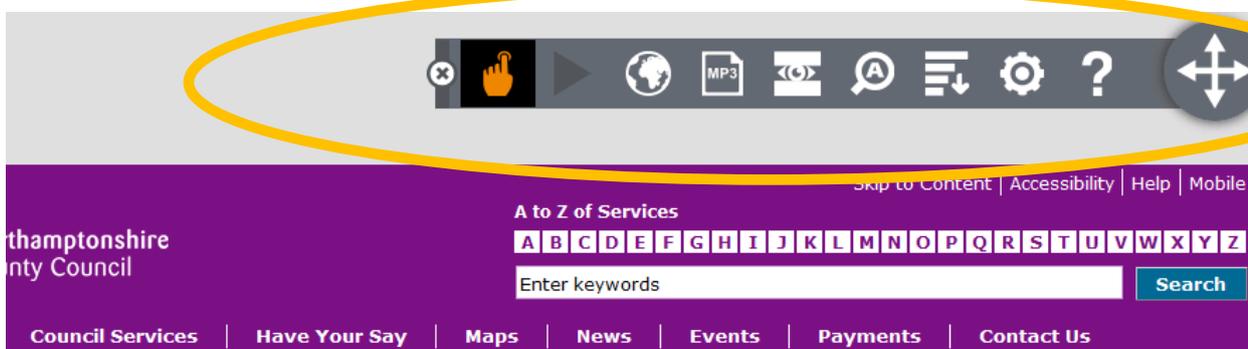
The Browsealoud widget looks like this:

You can find it with the social media links, usually found at the bottom of all Northamptonshire County Council webpages.

Share this page

To activate Browsealoud, click on the widget, it will move up the page and expand to show all options:

In 'Information and Articles':

You can apply the functions of Browsealoud to any document in our document library:

1.   Search for the document you wish to read:

| Select category ▼ | Enter Keywords | **Where?** Postcode | **Or** | Select Location ▼ | Search |

Information and Articles

Your search found 1 result and 1 information and articles document.

You can refine your results or search again.

Rate this page
⭐1 ⭐2 ⭐3 ⭐4 ⭐5
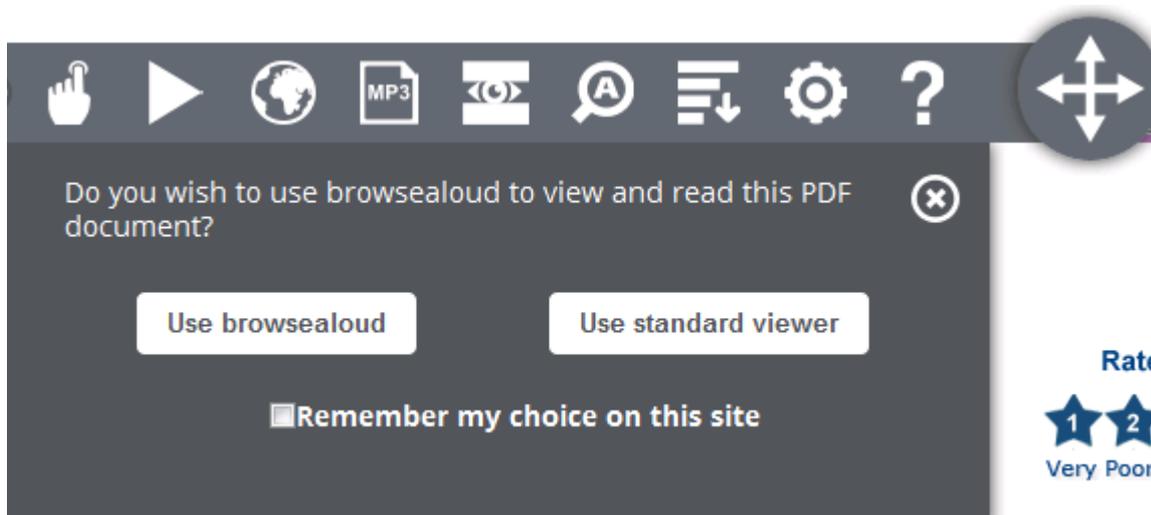Very Poor   Excellent

| Search results (1) | Information and articles (1) |

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2.   Activate Browsealoud by clicking on the widget

3.   It will display this screen:

Do you wish to use browsealoud to view and read this PDF document? ⊗

Use browsealoud   Use standard viewer

☐ Remember my choice on this site
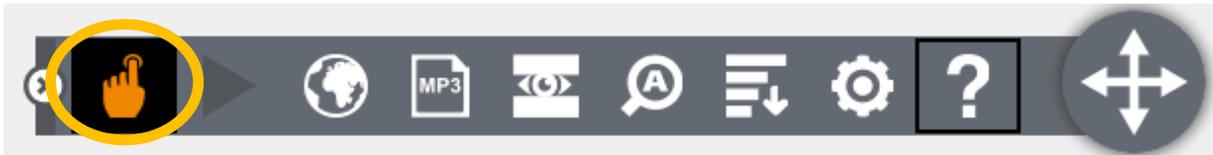
Rate
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3.   If you select 'use Browsealoud', it will open the document as normal, displaying the widget, allowing you to apply any function you need.

Functions of Browsealoud

Play the text out loud

1. Hover to 'speak mode'

This automatically plays the text on the page (this is set as a default).

Please note: to change which mode is active you need to deselect the mode you are using in order to select a new one.

2.   Select 'speak mode'

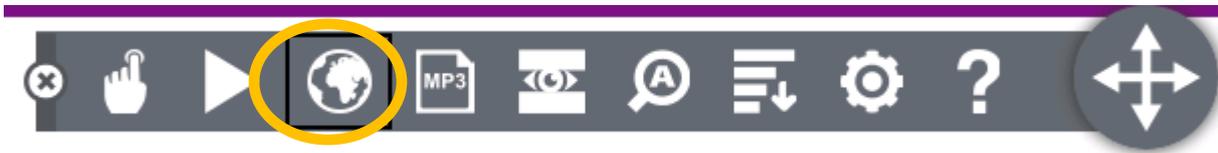This speaks the text you have selected. Select the text you wish to hear and then press the grey play button
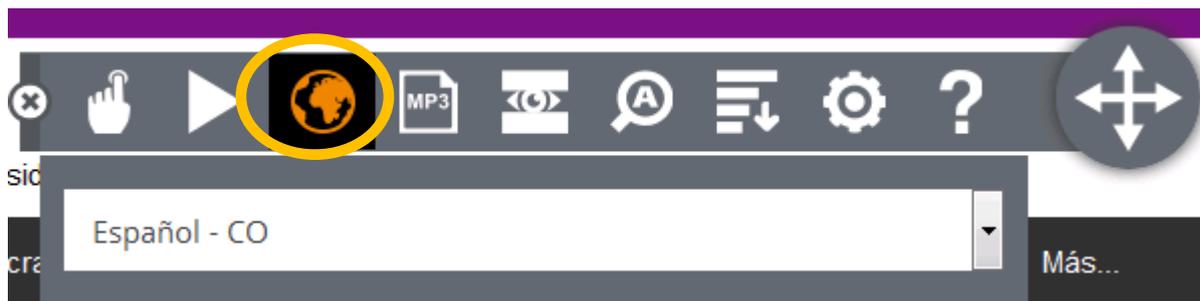

3. It will appear on screen, highlighted as below:
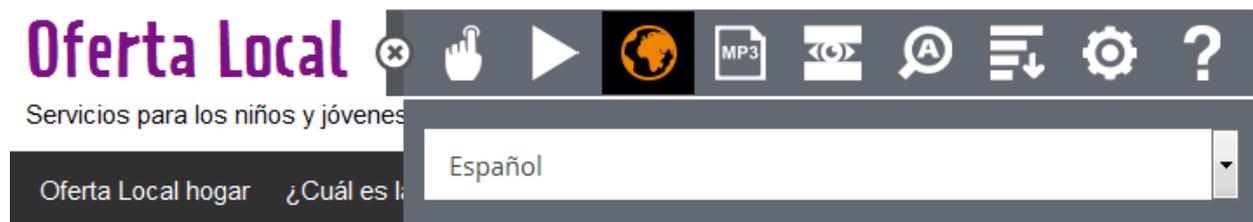
Translate into another language

1. To do this, first select the world button:

2. The dropdown will appear to select another language:

Español - CO

Más...

3. Select the language you would like to translate into, the page will now show in the language you selected, e.g. Spanish

Oferta Local

Servicios para los niños y jóvenes

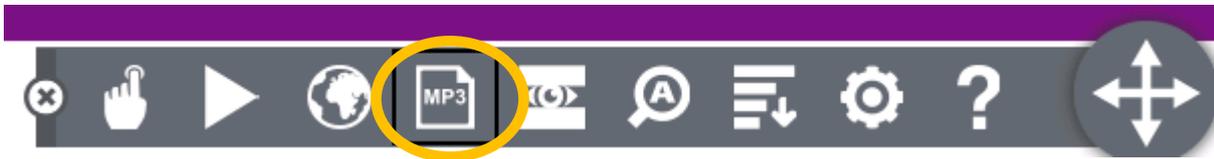Oferta Local hogar   ¿Cuál es l

Español

¿Cuál es la oferta local?

La Oferta Local publica servicios disponibles para los niños y jóvenes (0-25 años) con necesidades y discapacidades educativas especiales.

Nosotros, y el resto de las autoridades locales, la obligación de publicar esta información a través de:
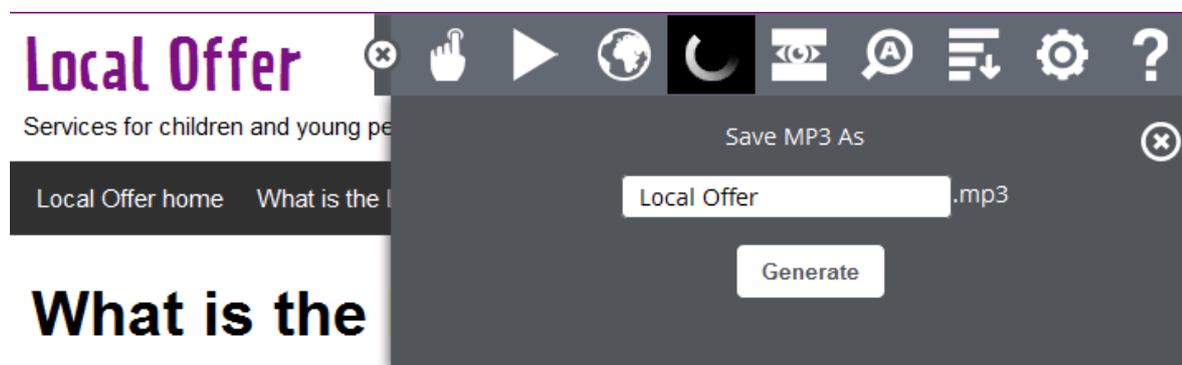
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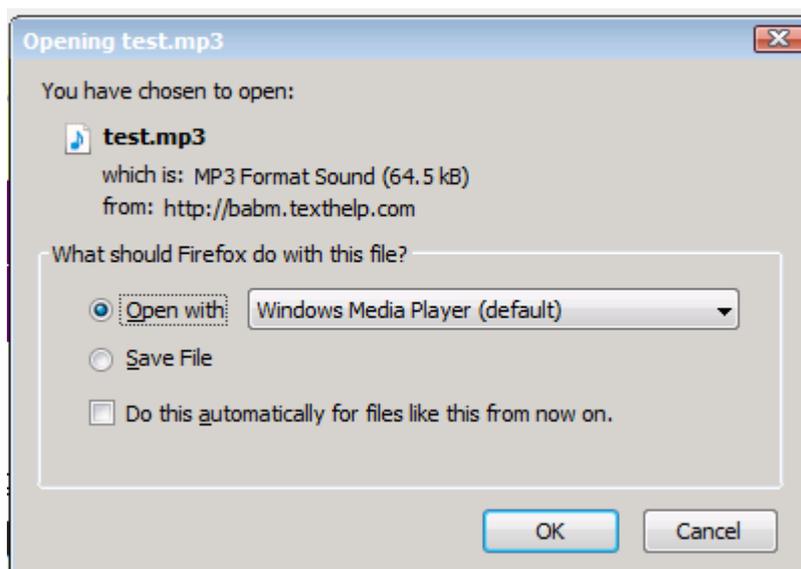
Create an MP3 file

1. Highlight the text you would like to record

2. Click on the MP3 button on the widget:

3. This will show the following screen. Choose a name for the file and click 'generate'.

4. This window will pop up on your screen. You can choose whether to save or open the file.
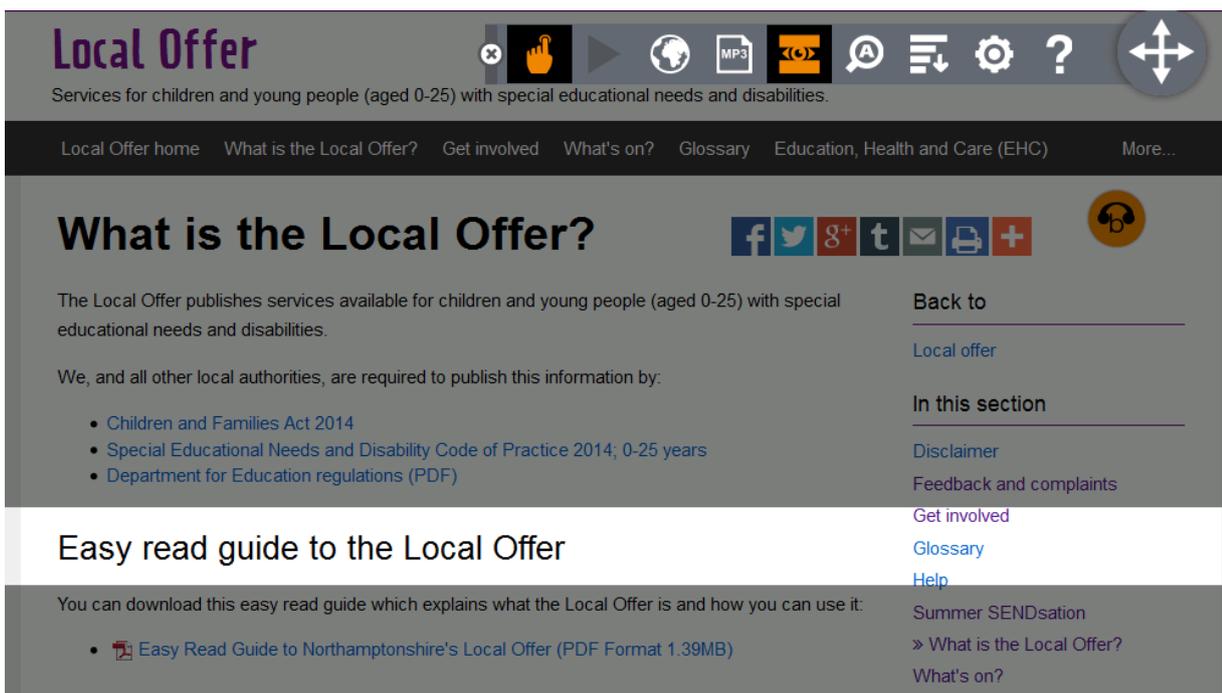
Use a screen mask

The screen mask allows you to focus on the paragraph you are trying to read and reduces distractions on the page.

The white highlighter bar allows you to apply focus and 'black out' the remaining text, the bar moves with you as you scroll.

1. To activate the screen mark, select this button:

2. Once activated it will highlight text on your screen to help you focus:

3. You can move the area highlighted by hovering over another area of the page

Magnify the text

1. To do this, first select the text you wish to enlarge

2. Then select the magnifying glass symbol:

3. Once selected the screen will change to show the highlighted text at the top of the page, it will also read it you.
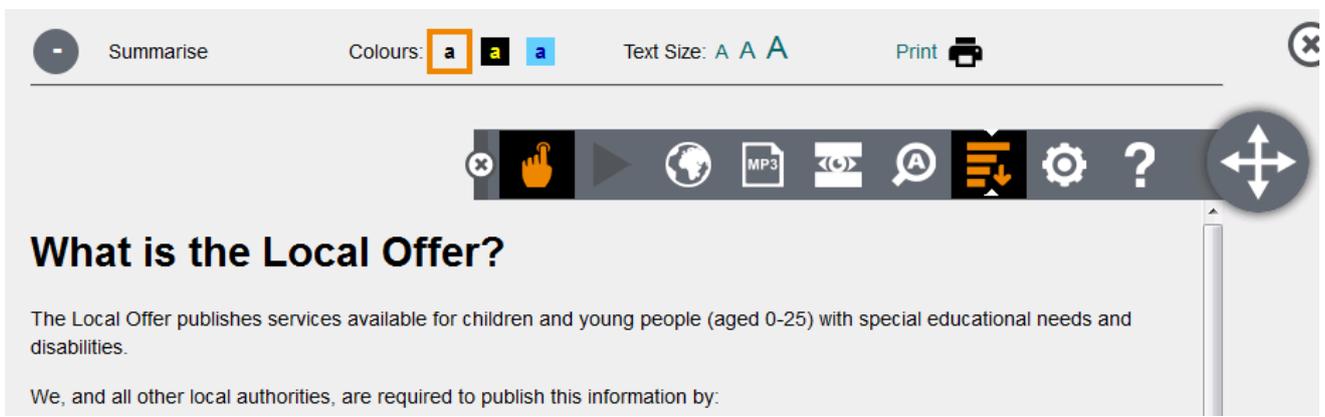
Simplify the page

This option removes 'clutter' from the page, showing just the text rather than pictures and formatting allowing you a clearer focus on the information.

1. To do this, select the symbol which looks four horizontal bars:

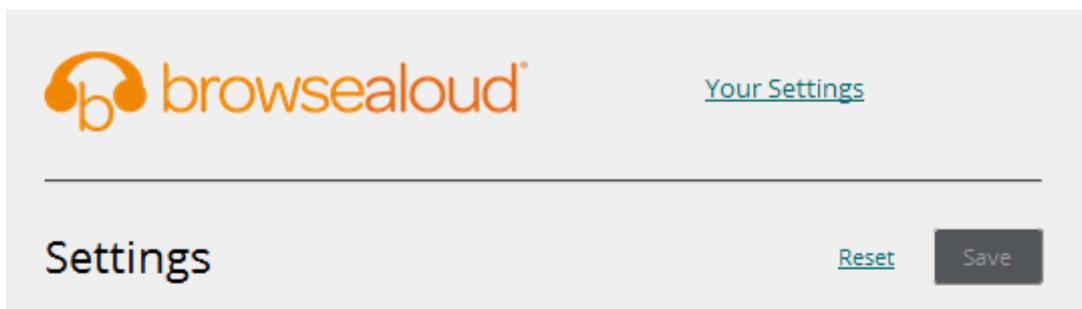2. The page then appears in the simplified format:

Changing the settings

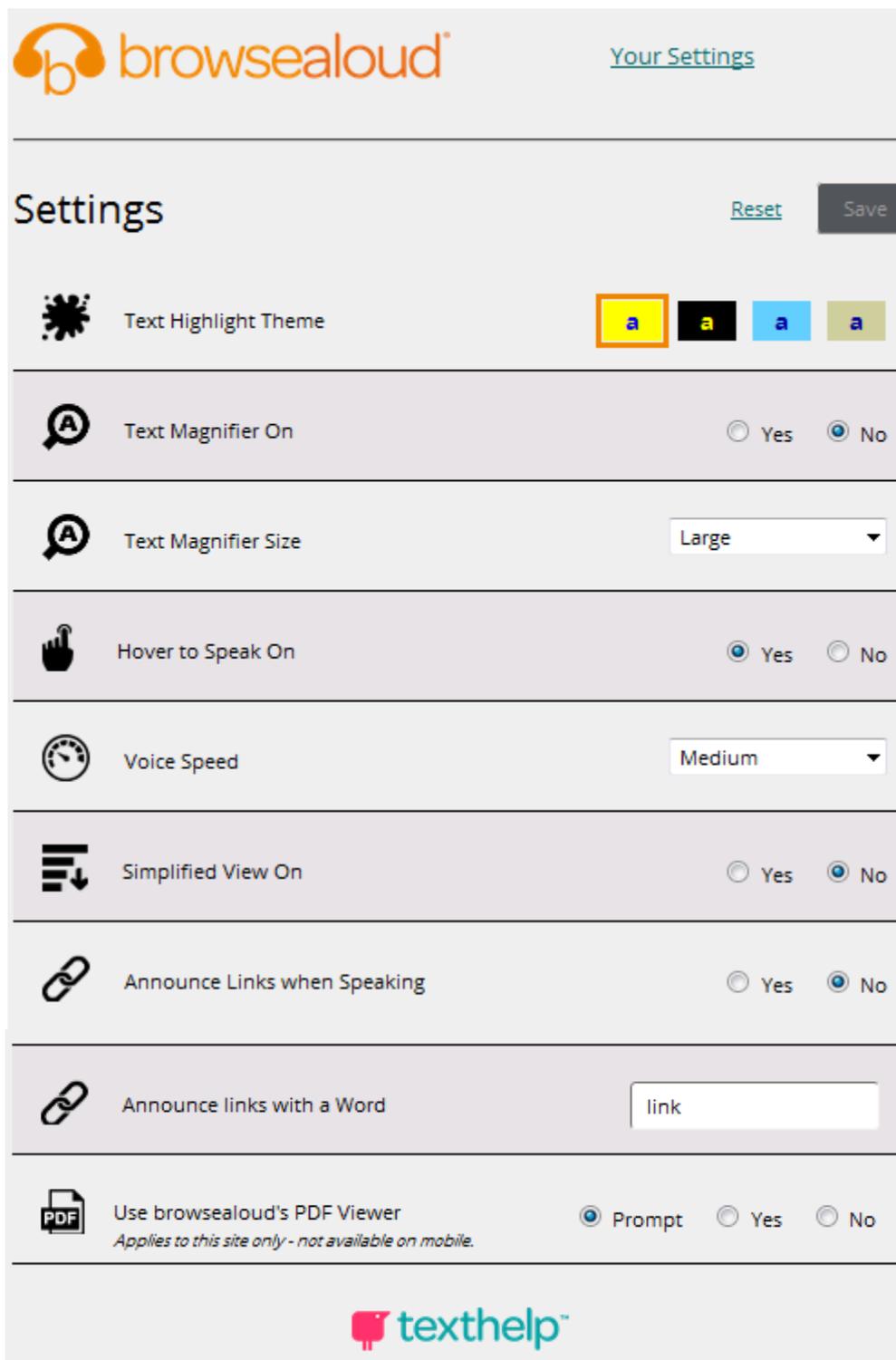1. To change the settings, select the cog symbol.

2. It will display a list of Browsealoud settings you can change, to customise your widget.

3.   There are a number of settings you can change, including:

- Change the highlighter colour

- Activate the text magnifier, determine magnification size

- Decide if it speaks to you when you hover over the text and at what speed

- Whether 'simplified' view is always applied

- If you want links to be read out to you and if documents are opened in Browsealoud viewer automatically

Help

If you would like further help you can use the on-board help function:

The help button offers explanation on what each function does:

Please note: Not all features are available at all times within browsealoud

starts reading the page out loud - this feature is on by default

starts reading selected text or reads from the top of the page

provides written and spoken translations in multiple languages

converts selected text into an MP3

blocks distractions on screen with a tinted mask

enlarges text and reads it out loud

removes clutter from the screen, displaying only the main text

customise options to suit individual needs or preferences

show a simple help page that explains what the browsealoud toolbar does

Contact us

If you need the information on the Local Offer in a format that Browsealoud cannot provide, please get in touch.

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