### **Dragon CHECKLIST**



### Set yourself up for success with Dragon

### **COMPUTER**

For Dragon DPI 15 you'll need a Windows PC (or a Mac with Parallels Windows emulation software). System requierements are...

Minimum: CPU speed 2 GHz, 4 GB RAM, 16 GB free on harddisk Recommended: CPU 2.5 GHz, 8 GB RAM, 16 GB free on harddisk On a Mac with Parallels, you're running 2 operating systems=heavy duty.

### **MICROPHONE**

In principle you can use any good microphone. But a headset gives most consistent results. NOTE: Built-in laptop/webcam microphones are usually worthless.

Dragon certified microphones can be found here.

Good starter mics are Jabra Evolve 20 MS and Andrea NC-181 VM USB

### **SOFTWARE**

Your **Windows** version needs to be 7, 8.1 or 10.

There's no longer a Mac version, sadly. You can use Dragon on a Mac via Parallels Windows Emulation software.

Microsoft Office 2013, 2016 or 365 (installed on PC)

Browser: If you want to surf by voice: Internet Explorer 11, Chrome

**Dragon**: Dragon Professional Individual 15. (Affiliate link)

I can't recommend the Home version as it has very limited Vocabulary options. Pretty useless.

There is a 30-day money back guarantee, so you can try it for free.

### SKILLS/TRAINING

Please do give yourself sometime to get used to dictating. Plan some time for doing tutorials to get the most out of this fantastic software.

I'd love to support you with all things Dragon in my membership.





## You are in the right place if... You want to enter text faster Typing is uncomfortable You don't love typing You're curious ©

### What I'll be talking about...

- What is speech recognition and what are the options
- Benefits and disadvantages
- Set yourself up for success with dictating your book
- Should YOU be using speech recognition?

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### But before we dive in...

an introduction



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### Hello, I'm Janneke

- I'm 49 years old and married
- We have a cat and like you can see she actually also helps out as a paper shredder
- I'm Dutch, living in Germany (but only JUST)
- I enjoy reading, singing, hiking and gardening
- My last name means The Dragon!



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• I use Dragon myself	
• Every day	
• For over 20 years	
<ul><li>I've trained over 2000 people in using Dragon</li></ul>	
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### **A definition**

"The process of enabling a computer to identify and respond to the sounds produced in human speech."



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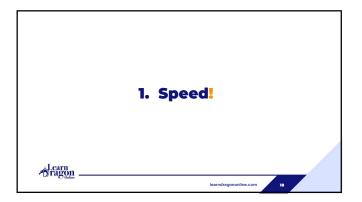






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Average typing speed: 40 wpm for English = 2.400 words per hour
Average novel = 70,000 words
So... over 29 hrs of solid typing

And... 50% of people is slower than average

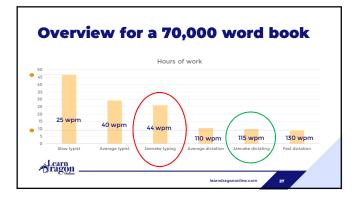
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Disadvantages





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Invest time to learn to work with the software





### 5 essentials things you need 1. Speech recognition software 2. Voice 3. Microphone 4. Computer (PC or Mac) 5. Skill

## 1. Which software? • Windows Speech Recognition (PC) • Dictation on the Mac • Google Docs voice typing • Office 365 • Dragon for PC (Mac version is discontinued)

<ul> <li>It's free</li> <li>You can add your own vocabulary</li> <li>BUT</li> <li>Recognition is very poor</li> </ul>	Win	dows Speech Recognition
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### Dictation in Apple Mac • It's free BUT • Recognition is not as good as Dragon • You can't add your own words

# Google Docs voice typing It's free Recognition is surprisingly good BUT Limited scope: only in Google Doc You cannot add your own words Learn Learn

Dr	agon speech recogntion
	Recognition is very good
	You can dictate in most applications
	You can add your own vocabulary. Very powerful.
	BUT
	• Not free
	Learning curve is steeper than with simple aps
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### Processor speed RAM (internal memory) Sound card for analogue mics Most modern computers will be OK

If processing takes place *outside* your PC the system requirements don't count.

E.g. Google Docs voice dictation



### 5. About your skill set

# Necessary skills • How to dictate • How to use some basic commands • Dictate punctuation • Proof reading • Your writing process with SR





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