Appendix A

Read&Write GOLD FEATURES include:

http://www.synapseadaptive.com/texthelp/read&write_gold/read&write_gold_default.htm

Speech - Read & Write (V8.1) GOLD color highlights and reads the words, sentences or paragraphs in your document providing audio-visual reinforcement and helping to develop recognition of new words and vocabulary. Speech is also an integral part of the other support features, for example, you can have the Word Prediction suggestions read to you.

Spelling - Read & Write (V8.1) GOLD incorporates a fast advanced spellchecker specifically designed to solve the most complex of phonetic errors. The spellchecker can be customized to suit individual needs and provides audible definitions of alternative suggestions to help you choose the correct one.

Homophone Support - Read & Write (V8.1) GOLD will identify and provide audible definitions for like sounding words to improve the accuracy of your work.

Scanning - Scan any text document into Word or any other major word processor enabling on screen editing and text reading. Scanned material will be incorporated into a familiar mainstream environment, allowing the document to be made easily available to other Users. This is key to inclusive education and integration.

Word Prediction - This will aid in sentence construction by suggesting and predicting words. Word predictor will learn as correct text is typed, dramatically aiding the development of literacy and increasing accuracy. (This is very helpful for students whose spelling ability is far below their speaking vocabulary.)

Dictionary - 180,000-word talking dictionary and dictionary will benefit you by helping to increase your literacy and creative writing skills.

Fact Folder – This desk research tool allows you to capture text from any application, classify it, attach pictures and bibliography information and record its source. This information can be converted to a slide show and document to help studying and revision.

Fact Finder – this web search tool searches the web to find relevant information associated with your research topic. Search engines in 6 different categories are provided for you to choose from.

Simple and Scientific Calculator – On screen calculator provides all the main functions of a simple or scientific calculator with audible feedback and audit trail.

Word Wizard - Word wizard assists in developing creative sentences by offering solutions for vocabulary. When you are searching for the word you want to use Word Wizard takes you though a simple step by step process till you find the word you are looking for.

Pronunciation Tutor - The Pronunciation Tutor will break words into syllables allowing easy recognition and pronunciation. Includes a moving mouth, to aid the development of more accurate speech.

Teachers Toolkit – enables educators to specify which Read & Write GOLD features a particular student has access to and see student spelling logs and activity logs.