

Kurzweil 3000

Writing and Editing: Word Prediction

As you type, Word Prediction helps you to complete words or to select the next word from a list of possibilities. It is available in both text and image documents, although in image documents, you use the feature only when creating or editing Footnotes, Text Notes or Sticky Notes.

Kurzweil 3000 uses a Word Prediction dictionary to provide word completion and “next word” suggestions. Kurzweil 3000 comes with three base word lists (Small, Medium, Large) that you can use to populate the Word Prediction dictionary. Kurzweil 3000 uses the Small word list by default. You can also edit the dictionary’s word list.

Word Prediction also learns associated words. For example, if you type “test taking,” The next time you type “test” and press the Spacebar, Word Prediction offers “taking” as a suggestion.

It’s possible to add more words to Word Prediction by using the following features or options:

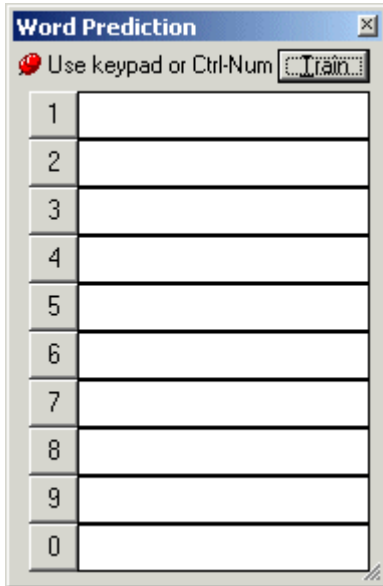
- The [Vocabulary Lists](#) feature enables you to add, delete and edit special word lists such as lists of science terms from a unit of study, and homophones. It’s also ideal for managing weekly vocabulary lists.
- The [Train](#) option available from the [Word Prediction Options pane](#) enables Word Prediction to “learn” words and add them to the Word Prediction dictionary. You can train Word Prediction on all words in an existing text document, have Kurzweil 3000 add words automatically from the Spell Checker as you spell check your documents, or train on selected words or passages of text.
- The **Add new words as they are typed** option available from the [Word Prediction Options pane](#), directs Kurzweil 3000 to add words to the Word Prediction dictionary as you type them.
- The [Phonetic Spelling](#) option in the **Word Prediction Options** pane lets you use a basic list of common phonetic spelling errors and their correct spelling, such as “f” and “ph.” You can enable or disable this option for Word Prediction. Enabling this option is ideal for helping students “un-learn” the intuitive, yet often incorrect, phonetic spelling of words, and to reinforce the correct spelling of the words.

Notes:

Word Prediction is available for typed/text documents only.

Dialog Box

When you select **Word Prediction** from the **Tools** menu or from the **Writing toolbar**, the Word Prediction dialog box opens.



This dialog has some unique features:

Follows Cursor. By default, and like other dialog boxes, this dialog displays and remains in a certain area of the screen until you move it. If, however, you click the red pushpin to display the pin point, you can have the dialog box move with the cursor, providing instant Word Prediction feedback as you work.

Resizable. Widen the box from either the right or left side; as a result the contents of the box displays larger-size font for improved readability, or displays smaller-size font to help minimize distraction. Lengthen the box from the top or bottom to view or hide words. Or you can size diagonally by dragging any of the corners.

Selectable Numbered List. You can select a word in a number of ways: by clicking it, by pressing the Control key plus the word number, or by pressing the number on the numeric keypad.

Note: By default, Kurzweil 3000 presents 10 words. If there are more and you want to view them, resize the box vertically. For any words that have no associated number, click the desired word or the box next to it to select it.

Highlights Words. In Kurzweil 3000, there is a relationship among Word Prediction, Homophones, and Vocabulary Lists features. You can have Homophones and words you place in any vocabulary list be part of the Word Prediction database, and have them display in the highlight color of your choice in the Word Prediction dialog box. For example, you could have homophones display in yellow and weekly vocabulary in magenta.

Reads and Spells Highlighted Words. Click a highlighted word to hear Kurzweil 3000 read it. If it is a word from a Vocabulary List and it has a definition, Kurzweil 3000 offers the definition as well. Double-clicking the word displays a dialog box. Kurzweil 3000 spells the word and reads the definition as it highlights based on your Reading options. If there are related words, they are included in this dialog.

To choose and complete words using Word Prediction:

1. In a text document, click the **Word Prediction** button. You can also select **Word Prediction** from the **Tools** menu.

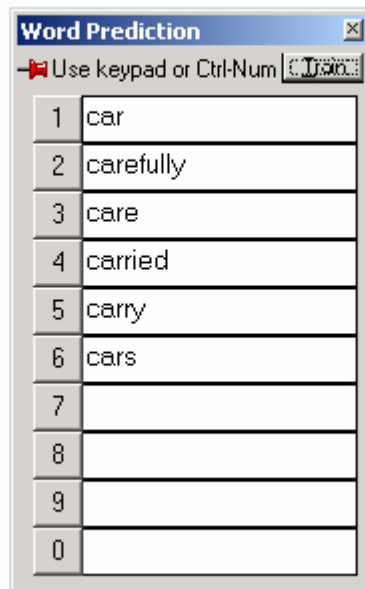


2. Kurzweil 3000 displays the Word Prediction dialog box.

As you type, the Word Prediction dialog box updates with some possibilities for the word you're typing. When you finish typing a word, the dialog box updates again, suggesting the word you may want to type next.

Magellan's Many Voyages

By Car

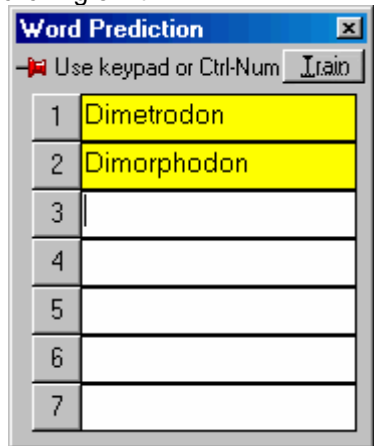


3. Do one of the following:
 - To insert one of its suggestions into your document, click the number or box next to the word, or press the Control key plus the number you want, or press the number on the numeric keypad. For entries without a number, click the box next to the word.
 - To see suggestions for the next word you might want to type, press the **SPACEBAR** after you complete the current word. To insert a suggested word, click the number next to the word or press the number you want on your numeric keypad.

When a word in the Word Prediction dialog box is highlighted, it means that it is contained in a [vocabulary list](#). You can hear a highlighted word spoken, along with its definition, if one exists, by

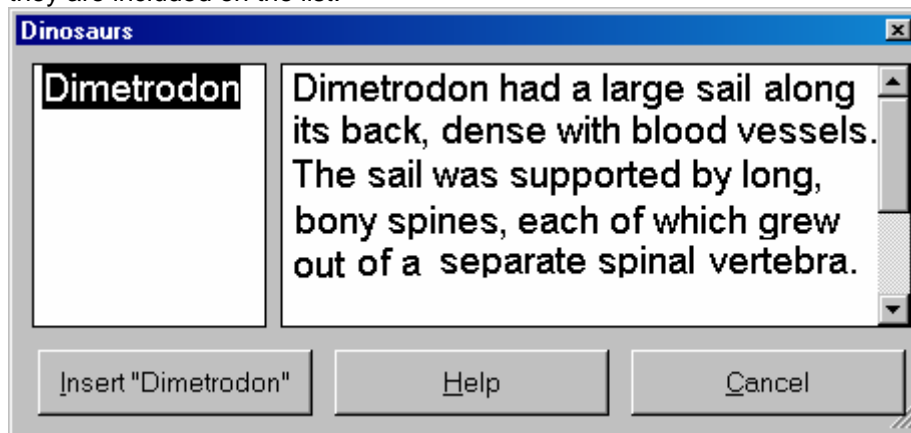
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clicking on it.



To view and hear the spelling and definition of a highlighted, simply double-click on the word.

Another dialog box appears and Kurzweil 3000 reads and spells the word, then reads the definition while highlighting the words. If there are words that are related to the selected word, they are included on the list.



The highlighting that you see in the dialog box as Kurzweil 3000 reads is based on the Reading options you have set in the **Reading Options** pane.

To hear a related word and definition, if there are any, click on the word.

To insert a word into your document directly from this dialog, select the word, then click **Insert**.