



For students, trainees and schoolchildren

ONLINE SPEECH-TO-TEXT REPORTERS



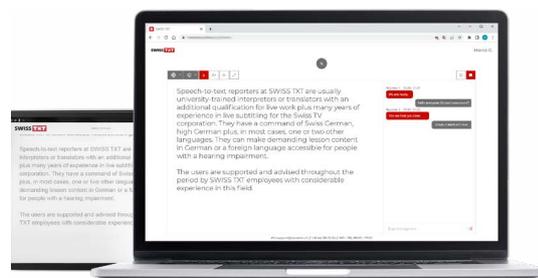
FOR FACE-TO-FACE TEACHING AND DISTANCE LEARNING

PEOPLE WITH A HEARING IMPAIRMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION OR TRAINING

In Switzerland, many young people with a hearing impairment are already well supplied with hearing aids, FM devices, etc. However, in some cases this support is not enough. Especially if they have severe hearing loss, or are in a difficult environment, for example where there is a high level of ambient noise at university, students require help. Frequently, the conditions are made worse if there are a lot of students or schoolchildren in the same room. When people are standing some way off and speaking quickly, it can also be hard to understand them. An additional problem arises with lectures in a different language.

SUPPORT FROM SPEECH-TO-TEXT INTERPRETERS

The only help that enables truly accessible understanding is what is called speech-to-text interpretation. Here, specially trained interpreters convert spoken material into text, live. This enables someone with a hearing impairment to read on their screen what is being said in the lesson. However, speech-to-text interpreters are not available everywhere, often have to travel great distances and cannot be deployed flexibly. Furthermore, young people often do not want to stand out by always being accompanied by another person.



VOICE



online



RESPEAKING



online



TABLET

ONLINE SPEECH-TO-TEXT INTERPRETING SERVICE

SWISS TXT now offers help in cases like these. Thanks to a specially developed online platform, students can access speech-to-text interpreters live via their tablet or laptop. The sound from the classroom, lecture theatre or event venue is sent wirelessly to the speech-to-text interpreters via a computer. They convert the spoken words into text, live. Students with a hearing impairment can easily follow what is going on in the lesson by reading along on their tablet or laptop.



SYSTEM

The online system complies with very high security standards and the latest user-friendly HTML5 standard and is constantly being improved and further developed by SWISS TXT.



PAYMENT

Our service is already being used extensively in Switzerland and is paid for via the disability benefit system of the relevant canton to support hearing-impaired people in education.

The users are very independent, can read for themselves what was said and thus follow the lesson discreetly. The cost is generally lower than for an in-person interpreter because there is no need for the often long travel times. It is also easier to replace them in the event of illness, a last-minute booking or a change to the booking, because online interpreters can be called in from anywhere.

SPEECH-TO-TEXT INTERPRETING TEAM AT SWISS TXT

The speech-to-text interpreters at SWISS TXT are mostly qualified interpreters or translators with a university degree and a further qualification in real-time working, as well as several years of experience as live subtitlers with Swiss television. They have a command of Swiss German, High German plus, in most cases, one or two other languages.

They can make demanding lesson content in German or a foreign language accessible for people with a hearing impairment. Throughout, users are supported and advised by SWISS TXT employees with extensive experience in this field.



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