

Evanreads compared with Kurzweil 3000, NaturalReader and Read&Write

The full row-by-row comparison behind the summaries at <https://evanreads.ai/compare>. It is written for someone evaluating several tools at once — a disability services office, an AT specialist, or a student who wants the detail rather than the pitch.

How to read this, and what we will not claim

Every statement about another company's product cites a source you can open. The bracketed tag on each row names an entry in that section's source list, and those are the vendor's own pages — not a review site and not our recollection.

"Not established" means exactly that. Where a vendor's documentation does not address a capability, we say so rather than marking it "No". Absence from a feature page is not evidence that a product cannot do something, and a confident wrong claim about a competitor is worse than an honest gap. It is the reason several rows below are blank where a marketing document would have a cross.

Every section states what Evanreads does not do. Those lists are not shorter than the capability tables by accident — this product is narrow on purpose, and for several readers of this document the right conclusion will be to choose one of the other tools.

Prices and product facts were checked on 2026-08-26. Competitor pricing moves without notice. If you are making a purchasing decision, confirm against the vendor pages cited at the end of each section.

Evanreads and Kurzweil 3000

The short answer. If you need a documented testing accommodation — locked features, protected toolbars, questions answered inside the document — Kurzweil 3000 is the product and Evanreads is not a substitute for it. For everyday assigned reading, Evanreads is lighter, published-price, and free to try without talking to anyone.

What Evanreads is built for

Capability	Evanreads	Kurzweil 3000	Notes and source
Getting through the reading			
Reads one line or one section at a time	Yes	Not established	The current line is held in a fixed position and you step through the reading. Not among the features Kurzweil's product page describes, though absence from a feature page is not proof either way.
Bionic reading (bolded word openings)	Yes	Not established	Not among the features Kurzweil's product page describes.
Dyslexia typeface with independent spacing controls	Yes	Not established	OpenDyslexic, with type size, line height and letter spacing as separate controls.
Whether any of it sticks			
Retrieval questions after a reading	Yes	Partly	Kurzweil extracts your highlights into a study guide, which collects what you marked. Ours asks you questions you have to answer, which is what surfaces the thing you did not understand. <i>[k3000]</i>
Measures your actual reading pace	Yes	Not established	Timed against how you really read this document. Not among the features Kurzweil's product page describes.
Turns a syllabus into a reading schedule	Yes	Not established	Paid plans. Not among the features Kurzweil's product page describes.
Getting hold of it			
Works without your institution buying anything	Yes	No	Kurzweil's product page publishes no price and directs you to a sales representative. Evanreads is 20 readings a month free, up to 5 pages per session. <i>[k3000]</i>
Start reading with nothing installed	Yes	Partly	Kurzweil offers a web licence alongside standalone and network installs, but reaching any of them runs through a sales conversation first. <i>[k3000]</i>

Capability	Evanreads	Kurzweil 3000	Notes and source
Published accessibility conformance report	Yes	Yes	Both publish one as a direct download — unusual in this market, and worth saying. Kurzweil's covers WCAG 2.1 Level A and AA and carries a report date of 29 September 2021; ours is dated 17 August 2026. <i>[k3000-vpat]</i>

Everything else we could verify

Capability	Evanreads	Kurzweil 3000	Notes and source
Text-to-speech	Yes	Yes	Kurzweil offers 13 languages and 18 additional native dialects. <i>[k3000]</i>
OCR for scanned PDFs and course packets	Partly	Yes	Kurzweil uses ABBYY FineReader, the strongest OCR in this category and better than ours. Ours runs on-device and handles a scanned course packet, but we would not claim parity. <i>[k3000]</i>
Notes and highlights that extract into a study guide	No	Yes	Five note types — sticky, bubble, voice — plus colour-coded highlighters. <i>[k3000]</i>
Test-accommodation tooling	No	Yes	Bubble notes for in-document answers, voice-note responses, lockable dictionaries and translation, password protection, custom test toolbars. <i>[k3000]</i>
Writing templates	No	Yes	More than 50 template guides. <i>[k3000]</i>
Bibliography formatting (MLA8, APA)	No	Yes	<i>[k3000]</i>
Word prediction and dictation	No	Yes	<i>[k3000]</i>
Automatic vocabulary definitions	No	Yes	<i>[k3000]</i>
Translation	No	Partly	Translation tools exist — named among the features an instructor can lock during a test. <i>[k3000]</i>
Bookmarks within a document	Partly	Yes	Evanreads resumes where you stopped and keeps flagged lines, but has no named bookmark feature. <i>[k3000]</i>
Deployment options	Partly	Yes	Kurzweil offers standalone, web licence and network installs. Evanreads is browser-only, which is simpler but offers a campus no deployment choices. <i>[k3000]</i>
Individual price per year	Yes	No	Kurzweil's product page publishes no price and directs you to a sales representative, so we cannot state one. Evanreads plans are listed at evanreads.ai/pricing . <i>[k3000]</i>

What Evanreads does not do

- Test-accommodation tooling — locked features, protected toolbars, in-document questions
- ABBYY-grade OCR — Kurzweil's is better than ours
- Notes and highlights that extract into a study guide
- Writing templates and bibliography formatting (MLA8, APA)
- Word prediction and dictation
- Translation of the reading itself
- Picture dictionaries and automatic vocabulary definitions
- Any institutional admin, rostering or reporting layer

Sources

- k3000 — Kurzweil Education — Kurzweil 3000: <https://www.kurzweiledu.com/products/k3000.html>
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Evanreads and NaturalReader

The short answer. If what you want is to listen — good voices, on your phone, exported to audio — NaturalReader does that better than we do and has a genuinely free plan. Evanreads is for the times you need to stay in the text yourself and remember it afterwards.

What Evanreads is built for

Capability	Evanreads	NaturalReader	Notes and source
Getting through the reading			
Reads one line or one section at a time	Yes	Not established	The current line is held in a fixed position and you step through the reading. NaturalReader's site does not describe a focus mode of this kind, but not describing it is not the same as not having it — so we make no claim.
Bionic reading (bolded word openings)	Yes	Not established	Not among the features NaturalReader lists.
Dyslexia typeface with independent spacing controls	Yes	Partly	NaturalReader lists a dyslexia font. Evanreads adds type size, line height and letter spacing as separate controls. <i>[nr-home]</i>
Whether any of it sticks			
Retrieval questions after a reading	Yes	Not established	2 per reading on the free plan. Not among the features NaturalReader lists.
Measures your actual reading pace	Yes	Not established	Timed against how you really read this document, rather than a word count divided by an average. Not among the features NaturalReader lists.
Turns a syllabus into a reading schedule	Yes	Not established	Paid plans. Not among the features NaturalReader lists.
Getting hold of it			
Works without your institution buying anything	Yes	Yes	Both, genuinely. NaturalReader advertises a free-forever plan with no card; ours is 20 readings a month, up to 5 pages per session. Free access is not a difference between us. <i>[nr-home]</i>
Start reading with nothing installed	Yes	Yes	Both run in a browser. NaturalReader also has mobile apps and a Chrome extension, which we do not. <i>[nr-home]</i>

Capability	Evanreads	NaturalReader	Notes and source
Published accessibility conformance report	Yes	Not established	We publish a VPAT as a direct download. We looked for an equivalent from NaturalReader, including on the page written for institutional buyers, and did not find one — but not finding a document is not evidence that none exists, so we make no claim either way.

Everything else we could verify

Capability	Evanreads	NaturalReader	Notes and source
Text-to-speech	Yes	Yes	NaturalReader's core product. Ours uses the browser's own speech engine. <i>[nr-home]</i>
High-quality natural voices	Partly	Yes	More than 90 languages on NaturalReader's paid plans. Ours are a paid add-on rather than the default — a difference in kind, not degree. <i>[nr-pricing]</i>
Voice cloning	No	Yes	Plus plan and above, up to two voices. <i>[nr-pricing]</i>
Export a reading as an audio file	No	Yes	MP3 export with a monthly character allowance. Evanreads plays audio but produces no file. <i>[nr-pricing]</i>
OCR for scanned PDFs and course packets	Yes	Yes	NaturalReader has a camera scanner. Ours runs on-device. <i>[nr-home]</i>
Annotation on the document	No	Yes	Included from NaturalReader's entry plan up. <i>[nr-pricing]</i>
Pronunciation editing	No	Yes	<i>[nr-pricing]</i>
Slide deck and spreadsheet formats	No	Yes	NaturalReader handles ppt(x), numbers and pages alongside documents. Evanreads takes PDF, DOCX and pasted text. <i>[nr-pricing]</i>
Native mobile apps and browser extension	No	Yes	<i>[nr-home]</i>
Privacy and data-protection framing for institutions	Partly	Yes	NaturalReader's education page names FERPA, COPPA, GDPR and New York Education Law 2-D. Evanreads publishes a privacy policy and a conformance report but makes no equivalent per-regulation claim. <i>[nr-edu]</i>

Capability	Evanreads	NaturalReader	Notes and source
Individual price per year	Yes	Yes	NaturalReader personal plans: Lite 79 USD, Plus 119 USD, Pro 159 USD per year. Evanreads plans are listed at evanreads.ai/pricing . <i>[nr-pricing]</i>

What Evanreads does not do

- High-quality natural voices as standard — ours are a paid add-on, and NaturalReader's are better
- Voice cloning
- Exporting a reading as an audio file
- Annotation on the document itself
- Native mobile apps and a browser extension
- Slide deck and spreadsheet formats
- Pronunciation editing

Sources

- `nr-home` — NaturalReader — product site: <https://www.naturalreaders.com/>
- `nr-pricing` — NaturalReader — plans and pricing (personal): <https://help.naturalreaders.com/en/articles/8854700-plans-pricing-personal-version>
- `nr-edu` — NaturalReader for Education: <https://www.naturalreaders.com/edu.html>

Evanreads and Read&Write

The short answer. If your school or campus already licenses Read&Write, start there — it covers far more ground than we do, and it is the destination Snap&Read was folded into. Evanreads is worth a look if the specific problem is finishing assigned reading, and you would rather not wait on a licence.

What Evanreads is built for

Capability	Evanreads	Read&Write	Notes and source
Getting through the reading			
Reads one line or one section at a time	Yes	Partly	Read&Write has screen masking, which dims the page around a band. That is a different thing from stepping you through a reading and holding the current line in one place. <i>[everway-rw]</i>
Bionic reading (bolded word openings)	Yes	Not established	Not among the features Everway lists for Read&Write, but absence from a feature page is not the same as the product being unable to do it — so we make no claim.
Dyslexia typeface with independent spacing controls	Yes	Not established	OpenDyslexic, with type size, line height and letter spacing as separate controls.
Whether any of it sticks			
Retrieval questions after a reading	Yes	Not established	2 per reading on the free plan. Not among the features Everway lists.
Measures your actual reading pace	Yes	Not established	Timed against how you really read this document, so what is left becomes a number rather than a guess. Not among the features Everway lists.
Turns a syllabus into a reading schedule	Yes	Not established	Paid plans. Not among the features Everway lists.
Getting hold of it			
Works without your institution buying anything	Yes	Partly	Read&Write is free for K-12 teachers and sells an individual licence, but it is priced and sold to institutions. Evanreads is 20 readings a month free, up to 5 pages per session. <i>[everway-pricing]</i>
Start reading with nothing installed	Yes	Partly	Read&Write is installed software or a browser extension depending on platform. Evanreads runs in the browser you already have, with no account needed to start. <i>[everway-rw]</i>

Capability	Evanreads	Read&Write	Notes and source
Published accessibility conformance report	Yes	Partly	Everway lists a VPAT for Read&Write, but the linked document asked us to sign in to a Google account, so we could not read it. Ours is a direct download. <i>[texthelp-vpats]</i>

Everything else we could verify

Capability	Evanreads	Read&Write	Notes and source
Text-to-speech	Yes	Yes	Ours uses the browser's own speech engine; natural voices are a paid add-on. Read&Write's are included. <i>[everway-rw]</i>
OCR for scanned PDFs and course packets	Yes	Yes	Read&Write calls this Screenshot Reader. Ours runs on-device — the file never leaves the browser. <i>[everway-rw]</i>
Highlighting and annotation on the source document	No	Yes	Read&Write collects highlights into study material. Evanreads flags lines and stores notes against a reading, and never writes back to your file. <i>[everway-rw]</i>
Vocabulary simplification / rewording	No	Yes	Simplify / Rewordify. Evanreads changes how text is presented and never the words themselves. <i>[everway-rw]</i>
Picture and text dictionaries	No	Yes	<i>[everway-rw]</i>
Translation	No	Yes	<i>[everway-rw]</i>
Speech-to-text dictation	No	Yes	<i>[everway-rw]</i>
Word prediction and autocorrect	No	Yes	<i>[everway-rw]</i>
Export a reading as an audio file	No	Yes	<i>[everway-rw]</i>
Native mobile apps	No	Yes	Windows, Mac, Chrome, Edge, iPad, iPhone, Android. Evanreads is responsive web only. <i>[everway-rw]</i>
LMS integration	No	Yes	Canvas, Brightspace, Google Docs, Word. <i>[everway-rw]</i>
Institutional admin, rostering and reporting	No	Yes	Evanreads accounts are individual; nothing is reported back to a campus. <i>[everway-rw]</i>
Individual price per year	Yes	Yes	Read&Write: 184 USD per year. K-12 group 18.30 USD per seat (minimum 150); district 2.75 USD per seat; free for K-12 teachers; higher education by quote. Evanreads plans are listed at evanreads.ai/pricing . <i>[everway-pricing]</i>

What Evanreads does not do

- Highlighting and annotation on the source document
- Vocabulary simplification and rewording (Read&Write has Simplify / Rewordify)
- Translation of the reading itself
- Dictation, word prediction and other writing support
- Picture and text dictionaries
- Exporting a reading as an audio file
- Native mobile apps
- LMS integration, rostering or any campus admin layer

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- `everway-pricing` — Everway — Read&Write pricing: <https://www.everway.com/products/read-and-write-education/pricing/>
- `texthelp-vpats` — Texthelp — product VPATs: <https://support.texthelp.com/help/texthelp-vpats>

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