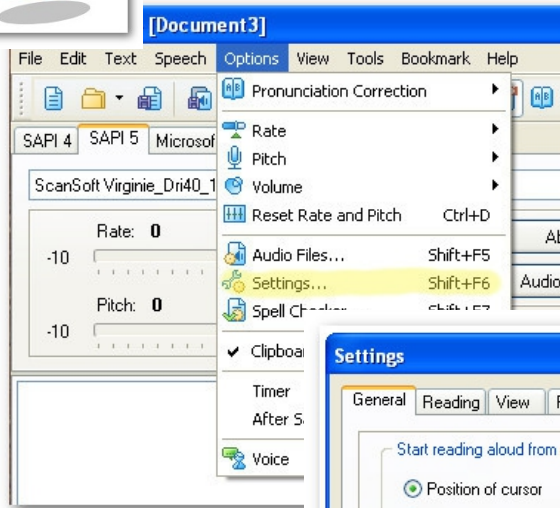


Text to Speech (PC, Windows) Using “Balabolka”

Balabolka is a freeware Text To Speech (TTS) program. It can be downloaded from <http://www.cross-plus-a.com/balabolka.htm>. It can be used in a variety of ways. Described here is how to use it as a basic TTS tool alongside your word processor in the classroom writing setting.

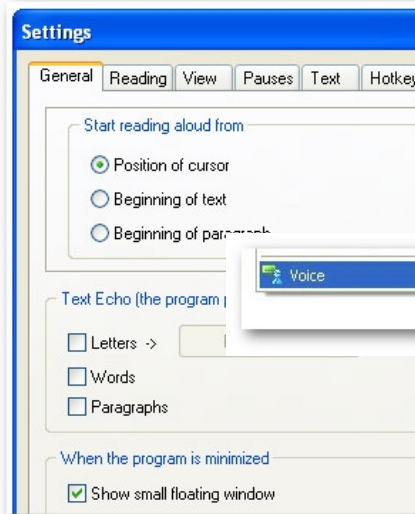


Launch Balabolka.



From Options in the menubar, select Settings.

In Settings, under General, the first tab, near the bottom, you need to check the “Show small floating window”.
(The program will shut down when you minimize it if you don't)



You can also select your voice in this menu (if you have more than one installed.)

The main page of Balabolka can not be resized and covers the whole screen. However for our TTS purposes you have activated the Small Floating window. Just minimize the Balabolka window and you will get a floating control bar. You can move it to where ever is convenient on your screen.



In any application with selectable text, select what you want read and click the Play button on the Floating window (to go to full screen Balabolka, close the Floating window.)

