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**Online Learning Tools in Greek: Voice Typing**

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Voice typing is an easy online tool in Google docs. Chances are that you talk faster than you type, even if you have pretty good typing skills. Voice typing can save you valuable time, especially valuable instructional time. This is also great for anyone who suffers from office-induced repetitive strain injury. With Voice typing, you can record ideas, write vocabulary lists, create assessment tasks and exams - all without touching your keyboard! You can dictate all kinds of words, lists, and writing when you're using Google Docs in Chrome. You can also dictate formatting, punctuation, and editing (they are currently available only in English; the document language and command language must both be English). But most importantly you can dictate in other languages, including GREEK! You can also use this tool on the go, at least in a limited form, with the Google Docs mobile app. Once you start using Voice typing, you will wonder how you ever managed without it.

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