



Dragon Dictate for Mac 3  
Reviewer's Guide



Thank you for your interest in reviewing Dragon Dictate for Mac 3, the world's most accurate and best-selling speech recognition application for the Mac. We hope that the following pages will serve as a helpful reference during the course of your review.

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## What's New in Dragon Dictate for Mac 3?

### Summary:

With improved accuracy and performance, amazing technology advances and powerful new voice commands, previous versions of Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 delivered a faster, better and simply smarter speech recognition solution for Mac users. Still, Nuance has continued to explore ways to make the software even easier to use. Harnessing the power of the renowned Dragon NaturallySpeaking software voice recognition technology, Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 is jam-packed with new product features and improvements to existing capabilities.

As the most robust version of Dictate yet, Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 boasts a 15 percent improvement in out-of-the-box accuracy as well as new Smart Format Rules and new correction capabilities for a more personalized experience. In addition, Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 now features enhanced control in more applications, new wideband Bluetooth support, the ability to transcribe recorded audio files from a single speaker, and much more.

To put it simply, Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 makes it faster and easier for Mac users to get more done in less time by freely speaking their words and letting creativity and productivity take charge.

### Details:

#### Even More Accurate

- **Improved Accuracy:** Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 delivers a 15 percent improvement to out-of-the-box accuracy when compared to version 2.5. This means that Dragon gets you, and you get things done, faster than ever. Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 for Mac relies on the latest Dragon speech recognition engine (from Dragon NaturallySpeaking 12), and also samples higher quality audio in order to deliver unprecedented accuracy, so that what you say is what you get.

#### Faster Correction

- **Faster, More Advanced Correction:** When it comes to making a correction, Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 makes it faster and easier than ever before. Simply speak to correct individual words or phrases through a single, easy to understand window. Select an alternate word choice, or spell and train new words. Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 includes a richer list of alternative word choices too, so when you do make a correction, it's more likely that the word or phrase you intended will be presented as an option. When you make a correction, Dragon learns, making it more accurate the more that you use it.

### More Control

- **Control in More Applications with Express Editor:** Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 gives you control in more applications, so that you can use your voice to get more done. Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 delivers an Express Editor so that you can dictate into a text field that does not have Full Text Control. After you finish dictating, you can transfer the text from the Express Editor to the desired application quickly and easily by voice.

### Digital Voice Recorder Support

- **Transcription of Recorded Speech:** It's easy to transcribe your own recorded speech into text with Dragon Dictate for Mac 3. Simply establish a user profile for a digital voice recorder and have Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 transcribe your recorded voice quickly and easily. Supports .wav, .m4a, .m4v, .mp4, .aif, and .aiff audio file formats.
- **Dragon Recorder:** If you don't have a digital voice recorder available to you, use our free Dragon Recorder app to record your thoughts using an iPhone, iPad or iPod touch (4<sup>th</sup> gen). Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 will transcribe the recorded audio files when you are back at your Mac.

### Your Words, Your Way

- **Smart Format Rules** – Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 reaches out to you to adapt upon detecting your format corrections – abbreviations, numbers, and more — so your dictated text looks the way you want it to every time.
- **Vocabulary Editor** – With the ability to set alternative written forms of words or phrases (e.g. color vs. colour) in Dragon Dictate for Mac 3, you have more say over how your words appear.

### Wideband Bluetooth Support

- **Enhanced Bluetooth Support:** Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 adds support for wideband Bluetooth wireless headset microphones, and you can get up and running quickly. When it detects that the USB dongle of a certified microphone is plugged into the Mac, Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 offers "Enhanced Bluetooth" as an audio source type and does not require a script reading to get started.

### Interactive Tutorial

- **Interactive Tutorial:** Displayed at the end of profile creation and available at any time from the Help menu, the Interactive Tutorial in Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 offers short progressive simulations to help you practice good dictation, correction and editing habits so that you can create text efficiently within just a few minutes. Even experienced Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 users can benefit from the Interactive Tutorial.

### And More...

- **Simpler Installation Process** – Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 ships on a single DVD, making installation a breeze, thanks to the included standard Apple Installer.
- **Centralized Speech Engine Data** – By centralizing its speech engine data, Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 saves valuable hard drive space for customers who may have multiple users on a single machine.
- **Additional Voice Training Stories** – Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 offers four different training texts at various reading levels, making the training process more accessible for people of different ages and abilities.
- **More Commands from Mission Control** – Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 delivers enhanced support for Mission Control, with more commands for many of the most common functions, for example “swipe left” or “swipe right.”
- **Support for New Applications** – In addition to general support for OS X Mountain Lion, Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 offers built-in commands for the new Notes and Reminders applications in this latest OS release.



## Sample tests for review of Dragon Dictate for Mac 3

Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 is used by a variety of people – in all walks of life – to save time and to work smarter with their computers. You'll find below some examples of how Dragon is used at home, in the office, at school or on the go, and some suggestions for how to put Dragon through its paces.

### **Tips before starting: Preparing your Mac:**

- 🔊 Make sure your Mac is well maintained.
- 🔊 Make sure Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 is installed.
- 🔊 Make sure that "Enable Web Site Commands" and "Generate Email Commands" are both checked. Go to Dictate Menu → Preferences to check these options.
- 🔊 Make sure that Mail is your default email application.
- 🔊 Turn off all unnecessary applications.

**NOTE:** When using Dragon Dictate version 2.0 and higher with iWork Update 9.2 (Keynote 5.2, Pages 4.2, and Numbers 2.2), users may experience an issue when dictating certain characters that are part of the extended character set called UTF-8. Please see page 14 for more information.

Notes:

- 🔊 On occasion, you'll notice that Dragon doesn't transcribe exactly what you mean. One of the most incredible features of Dragon is that if you correct mis-recognitions, Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 learns from the correction and will recognize the word better and better each time you use it. The new correction process in Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 allows you to correct single words or phrases, quickly and easily – all by voice. There are more – and more likely – alternative word choices provided in Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 to make the correction process faster and easier than ever before. Be sure to make corrections as you go through these exercises to get a feel for the new correction process introduced in Dragon Dictate for Mac 3.
- 🔊 Don't forget to turn the microphone off when you are not dictating; otherwise, Dragon will continue to transcribe what you say. To do so, you can simply say "go to sleep." The microphone display will then show a blue balloon with a crescent moon to indicate that Dragon is asleep. **NOTE:** with the Auto Sleep Microphone feature, you can set the mic to turn off after a certain amount of time without input. To return to the active microphone from the sleep state, say "Wake up" or "Turn [the] microphone on." Say "Microphone off" to exit Sleep mode and stop Dragon from listening entirely.
- 🔊 Words in brackets below such as [tab key] or [period] are voice commands, and are not meant to designate an action by hand/keyboard. When you see [tab key] for example, simply say "tab key."
- 🔊 When giving a command, dictate each command without pausing while delivering the command. This will help Dragon understand that you are issuing a command, not dictating new text.
- 🔊 If you misspeak, say "Scratch that" to delete the last transcribed utterance. If you issue a command by mistake, say "Undo last action."

## At home

You've recently found a faded copy of a favorite family recipe that's been around for generations. Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 can help capture and preserve this family tradition. Rather than simply rewriting the recipe by hand, Dragon allows you to dictate while you cook – the ingredients, quantities, temperatures and process – all in a simple step-by-step format that anyone can follow. See below for some examples of how someone might use Dragon at home to email a relative, capture a recipe, or search the Web for new recipe ideas or a local grocery store.

### 6 Dragon Voice Shortcuts for Web search

1. "Search Google for Martha Stewart"
2. "Search Bing for truffle recipe"
3. "Search Yahoo! for vintage recipe box"

**NOTE** – These shortcuts work no matter what application is currently open on your screen. You can also navigate to specific web sites using the Web 100 commands. For example:

- Jump to CNN
- Jump to eBay
- Jump to Motley Fool

### 6 Quick Voice Formatting

1. [Open Microsoft Word] ([Launch] or [Activate] also work)
2. [File New]
3. [Caps On]
4. "Recipe for Greek pasta salad"
5. [Caps Off]
6. [Bold that]
7. [New paragraph] "Cost of all ingredients roughly fifteen dollars and 50 cents"
8. [New paragraph] "Ingredients"
9. [New line] "one cup uncooked pasta [new line] two cups frozen corn [new line] one half cup chopped sweet red pepper [new line] one half cup grape or cherry tomatoes"
10. [Bold *uncooked*; underline *chopped*; Capitalize *red pepper*]
11. [Select corn (pause while the text is selected) green beans]
12. [Select uncooked (pause) boiled]

Your text should look like this:

#### **Recipe for Greek Pasta Salad**

Cost of all ingredients roughly \$15.50

Ingredients

- 1 cup boiled pasta
- 2 cups frozen green beans
- 1/2 cup chopped sweet Red Pepper
- 1/2 cup grape or cherry tomatoes

### 6 Accuracy / Dragon Shortcuts for Email / Smart Format Rules

1. [Send an email to <INSERT NAME OF SOMEONE IN YOUR ADDRESS BOOK>]
2. "Chocolate chip cookies"
3. [Tab key]
4. "I checked my notes for you earlier this morning to find the exact amount of sugar needed in the cookie recipe [period]. Please note that the recipe calls for 4 and a half cups of sugar [period]"
5. [New paragraph]
6. "I will send the full recipe to you tonight so that you have a copy [period]"
7. [Correct 4 and a half cups]
8. [Choose 3] (Correction menu appears)
9. [Choose 1] (Smart Format Rules box appears)
10. [Send message]

### 6 Accuracy

1. [Open Microsoft Word]
2. [File New]
3. "Entrée choices for the holiday party" [bold that]
4. [New paragraph]
5. "There will be four choices for dinner for the holiday party which starts at four thirty pm [colon]
6. [New paragraph]
7. "Grilled beef tenderloin on toast [new line]
8. Moroccan lamb kebabs [new line]
9. Chicken with spicy vinaigrette [new line]
10. [Cap]potato pancakes
11. [New paragraph]
12. [Capitalize chicken]
13. [Go to end]
14. "Please tell the boys that they're going to have to wear their best attire there [period]

### 6 Navigating the Desktop

Try some commands to quickly navigate between programs and windows

1. Open iTunes
2. Launch Safari
3. Minimize window
4. Open text edit
5. Zoom window



## In a small office

Imagine that you are a small business owner working in your home office. You're responsible for marketing, sales, accounts receivable, accounts payable and, of course, running the business. When you're juggling dozens of tasks, making the most of every moment is critical. Creating, formatting and editing documents and presentations is simple when you can simply say what's on your mind. Switching between applications, browsing the Web, composing emails, making corrections and moving content between applications is fast and easy thanks to the tools and capabilities included in Dragon Dictate for Mac 3. The combination of speed, accuracy and ease of use make Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 the perfect productivity partner for busy small office/home office workers. See below for some examples of how someone might use Dragon in their home or small office.

### 6 Dragon Voice Shortcuts for Email and Calendar

1. [Send an email to {INSERT NAME OF SOMEONE IN YOUR ADDRESS BOOK}]
2. "Exploring e-commerce options"
3. [Tab key]
4. "Sales are stagnant [comma] so I'd like to transform my web site from a marketing page into a new sales channel [period] I'm concerned about the required level of security and online payment options [period]"
5. [New paragraph]
6. "I'd like to tap your web experience to learn more about how I can boost my business results [period] are you free Tuesday, October ninth at seven thirty pm to discuss this further [question mark] you can reach me at 7815551212 [period]"
7. [Send message]

### 6 Dragon Voice Shortcuts for Web search

1. "Search Bing for e-commerce"
2. "Search Google for *start your own business*"
3. "Search Yahoo for *Staples Burlington Massachusetts*"

### 6 Quick Voice Formatting

1. [Open Microsoft Word]
2. [File New]
3. [Set font size to 18 points]
4. "[all caps] invoice"
5. [New paragraph]
6. "Project Number [colon] zero two three five [bold *project number*; go to end; new paragraph]"
7. "Date [colon] September 18<sup>th</sup> two thousand eleven [bold *date*; go to end; new paragraph]"
8. "Services rendered [colon] 17 point five hours copywriting and editing [bold *services rendered*; go to end; new paragraph]"
9. "Total amount due [colon] two thousand five hundred dollars and fifty cents [bold *total amount due*; go to end; new paragraph]"
10. "Thank you for your business [period; bold invoice; italicize *thank you*]"

## At school

Try to recall your college days and the headaches you experienced writing lengthy papers. How many hours did you spend hunched over a keyboard hunting and pecking and trying to squeeze out the required number of pages? How much anxiety did you feel as a young student when you were faced with a blank page? Researching, writing and editing can be frustrating for students, but Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 can make the process much simpler by making it faster and more natural. By allowing students to speak their minds rather than type, Dragon allows them to capture the natural flow of ideas accurately and in real-time. Dragon also makes it easy to search the Web for interesting facts, figures and images that can be incorporated into students' work. See below for some examples of how a student might use Dragon to write a paper, research facts, and even keep up with friends over instant messenger.

### Dragon Shortcuts for Email / Smart Format Rules

1. [Send an email to {INSERT NAME OF SOMEONE IN YOUR ADDRESS BOOK}]
2. "Research report"
3. [Tab key]
4. "Professor Thompson [comma, new paragraph]. You were right to write me right now regarding my research report [period]. I know that I am slightly behind [comma] but I expect to hand in the paper on chrysanthemum species by the end of the week [period]. Thank you very much [period]."
5. [New paragraph]
6. "I will see you in class on Monday October fifteenth [period]"
7. [Correct Professor] (Correction menu will appear)
8. [Choose two] (Smart Format Rules menu will appear)
9. [Choose one]
10. [Send message]

### Dragon Voice Shortcuts for Web search

1. "Search Yahoo for chrysanthemum"
2. "Search Google for chrysanthemum seeds"
3. "Search Bing for Harvard Museum of Natural History"

### Quick Voice Formatting

1. [Activate Microsoft Word]
2. [File New]
3. [Caps on]
4. "The chrysanthemum species"
5. [Caps off]
6. [Bold that]
7. [New paragraph]
8. "The species of chrysanthemum are perennial plants [period] The size of this flower is around twenty centimeters about eight inches [put parenthesis around *about eight inches*; period] Chrysanthemums were cultivated in China as a flowering herb as far back as the fifteenth century b-c [period] [China; go to end]"
9. [New paragraph]
10. "The naming of the flower has been contentious [comma] but a recent ruling by the international board of botanical nomenclature resulted in a clear

definition of the species [period] [Capitalize *international board of botanical nomenclature*]"

11. [Select *international board of botanical nomenclature*; italicize that; go to end]

## 6 Accuracy

1. [Open Microsoft Word]
2. [File New]
3. "State university student blog entry for Thursday September 18 two thousand eleven"
4. [Capitalize *student blog entry*]
5. [Go to end, New paragraph]
6. "I expect to receive at least an a-minus on my chrysanthemum report [period] Bear in mind that the top students in each class usually bare their souls to the professor in an effort to get on his good side [period] This is not the case for me [period] Over the years I have learned that the principal principle for getting a good grade in professor thompson's class is to submit project reports related to gardening [comma] since this is his favorite subject [period]"

## On the go

Try using a Bluetooth headset or your mobile device as a wireless microphone in this example. If you choose to do the latter, just follow the on-screen instructions for adding a source to your user profile in Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 and add your Android or iOS device as a wireless microphone for use with Dragon Dictate for Mac 3. Control the microphone directly from your mobile device.

It's a sunny Saturday afternoon and you've decided that a drink at a sidewalk café would be perfect. While waiting for the server, you flip open your laptop, put your Bluetooth headset on and tell your computer to send an e-mail to two friends inviting them to meet you. Fifteen minutes later, the two have arrived and the three of you are making plans for what to do next. With Dragon Dictate for Mac 3, you can search the Web effortlessly to find movie reviews or show times and to buy tickets – all by voice. You can even use the few minutes spent waiting for your friends to arrive to dash off a quick blog post or update your Twitter feed – all easily and hands-free. Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 is the perfect complement for mobile computing by pairing the power of speech recognition with mobile devices such as digital voice recorders and smartphones.

### Dragon Voice Shortcuts for Email and Calendar

1. Send an email to [{INSERT NAME OF SOMEONE IN YOUR ADDRESS BOOK}] and [{INSERT ANOTHER NAME OF SOMEONE IN YOUR ADDRESS BOOK}]
2. "Coffee [question mark]"
3. "[tab key] I'm at the café down the street [period] Do you want to meet for a quick drink [question mark]"
4. "[Send message]"

### Dragon Voice Shortcuts for Web search

1. "Search Bing for strawberry daiquiri"
2. "Search Google for Man versus Machine"
3. "Search Yahoo for haiku"

### Quick Voice Formatting

1. [Open Microsoft Word]
2. [File New]
3. "One of the best features of Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 is that I can use it with a bluetooth wireless headset or even with my iPhone or Android device for the same great dictation results [dash] without the wires [exclamation point] [Underline *great*; italicize *without the wires*; go to end]"
4. [New paragraph]

### Accuracy

1. [Send an email to {INSERT NAME OF SOMEONE IN YOUR ADDRESS BOOK}]
2. "Venice"
3. [Tab key]
4. "I'm here at the café waiting for John and Bob [period] We'll probably have a gelato before we head downtown to see the new X-Files movie [period; new paragraph]"
5. "Do you remember when we went to Italy a few years ago and had a gelato with the gondoliers in Venice [question mark] I think they're still waiting for us to come back there [exclamation point]"

### **Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 compatibility with iWork Update 9.2**

When using Dragon Dictate 2.0 and higher with iWork Update 9.2 (Keynote 5.2, Pages 4.2, and Numbers 2.2), users may experience an issue when dictating certain characters that are part of the extended character set called UTF-8. We are working to resolve the issue.

In the interim, you can still use Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 within these applications as long as you follow some simple rules about dictating non-standard characters.

#### **Option 1: Pause Before Dictating Punctuation**

- Non-standard characters are typically used in punctuation (ellipsis, hyphen, em-dash, etc.)
- While speaking punctuation in any iWork '09 application, treat punctuation as a command and pause between dictating words and dictating punctuation. For example, see the sentences below and where the [PAUSE] should occur.
- OPEN QUOTE I think this is the century of women [PAUSE] PERIOD I really do believe that there's going to be more gains made by women across every part of our lives [PAUSE] PERIOD Cultural [PAUSE] COMMA political and economic [PAUSE] DOT DOT DOT [PAUSE] CLOSED QUOTE Tom Brokaw [PAUSE] COMMA Meet the Press 2012

#### **Common UTF-8 Characters**

The list of UTF-8 characters is extensive. Here are the most common characters that might cause an issue, if there is not a [PAUSE] before the punctuation:

- Dot Dot Dot (Ellipses)
- Hyphen
- Dash
- EM Dash

#### **Option 2: Use the New Dragon Dictate for Mac 3 Express Editor with the iWork 9.2 Applications**

Dragon Dictate for Mac 3's new Express Editor lets you dictate into a text field in any application on the Mac for which it does not have Full Text Control. After you finish dictating, simply transfer the text from the Express Editor to the desired application quickly and easily by voice. The Express Editor will provide you full capabilities to dictate, format and edit text and then transfer into any iWork '09 application.

#### **Express Editor Commands**

- Show Express Editor
- Hide Express Editor
- Transfer



## Press Contact and Press Kit

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If you have any questions, or need support during the review process, please feel free to contact Linda Walsh directly.

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