# Connecting a Braille Display to the Computer with Jaws

Allotted time: 45 minutes

Group size: small group

Standards:

Expanded Core Curriculum, Assistive Technology

Standard - CC.1.2.11-

Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to address a question or solve a problem.

Materials

* Laptops with Jaws installed.
* Braille notetaker or display
* Charger for the braille display or notetaker

Objectives:

Students will be able to:

1. Connect their braille display or notetaker to the computer via USB connection.

## Keyboard commands

* Access the Jaws window insert J
* To access menus, press alt.
* Access the options menu alt O
* Access the braille submenu alt O then L.
* You can also add braille displays through the synthesizers and braille manager in the utility’s menu.
* Press insert J to get to the Jaws window.
* Press alt U to go to the utility’s menu.
* Press the letter b to go to the synthesizers and braille manager.

## Vocabulary

* Jaws window-The Jaws window allows you to make changes to Jaws. There are several menu items in this window. They are options, utility, language, help, and system. Press alt to access the menus. Additionally, press alt and a corresponding letter to access a particular menu (alt H for the help menu).
* Synthesizers and braille manager-This allows you to add, remove, or change voices and braille displays.
* Dialogue box-A dialogue box contains elements including buttons, combo boxes, and read-only edit fields. Use the tab and shift tab key to navigate in dialogue boxes.

## Instruction

* Today we are going to connect your braille displays and note takers to your computers.
* First, log in and start Jaws.
* Next, navigate to the Jaws window.
* Provide keyboard commands and vocabulary.
* Show students the two ways to add a braille display or notetaker to their computer.

## Closure

* Answer any questions

## Reflection

## Notes