Sounds – Speech recognition

Is it possible to access the TELL ME MORE Online content if the student’s workstation is not equipped with a sound card?

It is technically possible. However, it will be impossible to access activities with speech recognition and/or sound effects. Only 15 to 20% of activities will remain available, thus significantly reducing the benefits of the TELL ME MORE method.

Nevertheless, some USB headsets (such as Plantronics headsets) that include their own audio components allow activities with speech recognition to be completed without having a sound card installed on the student’s workstation.

TELL ME MORE Online does not seem to hear the student.

Check the following elements:

1/ The Mic plug must be connected to the sound card input indicated Mic or ⋆.

2/ The microphone must be set on ‘record’:
   - Go to Start/ Programs/ Accessories/ Multimedia/ Volume control.
   - Go to Option menu/ Properties
   - Chose Recording Options and select all audio devices.
   - Click on OK.
   - Check that the microphone is set on ‘record’ and not ‘mute’.

3/ Students can test their sound card using Windows® recorder (Go to "Start/ Programs/ Accessories/ Multimedia/Recorder").
   You can quit the control panel now.

What should be done if you have difficulties doing the activities with speech recognition?

The sound card settings might be the reason. To access the volume control panel, click on the Windows [Start] button and choose Programs > Accessories > Entertainment > Volume Control in the menu.
A control panel with a mixer pops up. Click on the "Options" button and choose "Properties" in the pull-down menu.

A new window pops up. Please activate the recording section (by default the playback option is activated).

Now click on the OK button.
The control panel slightly changes. Please make sure that the microphone gain is set to at least 60% and that it is activated.

What should be done when the student’s voice is not being recorded in TELL ME MORE even when the microphone works in Windows®?

If the student’s voice is not being recorded in TELL ME MORE even when the microphone works correctly in Windows® and the Auralog components are installed, the sound card drivers must be updated (especially if the sound card is a SoundMax or a SoundFusion). The card must be updated from the manufacturer’s website.