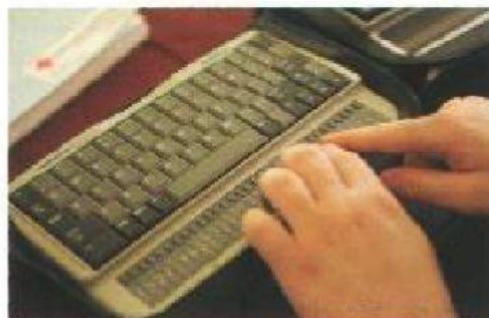
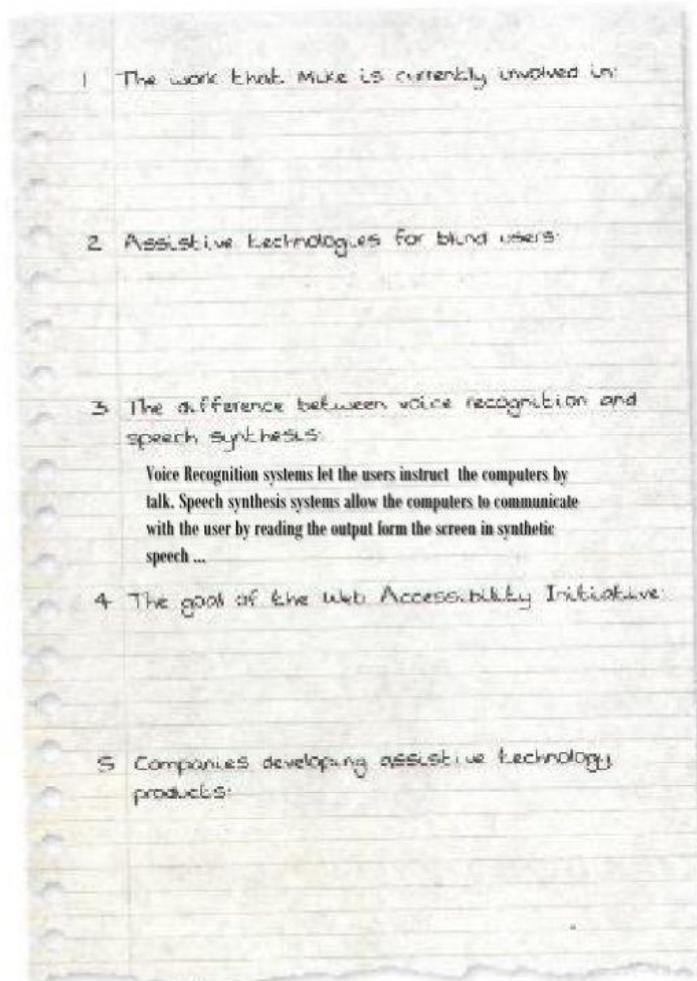


4 Assistive technologies for the blind

A  Listen to an interview with Mike Hartley, the director of the Assistive Technology Project for the Blind in Washington DC. Make notes about these topics.



A Braille computer keyboard



Small-Talk Ultra, a talking computer from SW Micro, which includes Window-Eyes – a screen reader for the blind

B  In pairs, help each other to improve your notes and then listen again to make sure you have included all of the important information.

5 Investing in assistive technologies

 Your school/company has decided to invest some of its annual IT budget in assistive technology. Write an email to your director of studies / manager, summarizing the different technologies available and the kind of people they can help. If possible, use the Internet to find suppliers of these technologies in your country.

 Now visit www.cambridge.org/elt/ict for an online task.