Quick Reference: JAWS Reading Keys

This document lists the JAWS keys for reading documents and webpages. The first section is for a standard keyboard with number pad, the second section is for laptop style keyboard without number pad.

Standard Keyboard with Number Pad

DescriptionCommandSay Prior CharacterLEFT ARROWSay Next CharacterRIGHT ARROWSay CharacterNUM PAD 5

Say Character Phonetically
Say Prior Word
Say Next Word
Say Word
NUM PAD 5 twice quickly
INSERT+LEFT ARROW
INSERT+RIGHT ARROW
INSERT+NUM PAD 5

Spell Word INSERT+NUM PAD 5 twice quickly

Say Prior Line UP ARROW
Say Next Line DOWN ARROW
Say Current Line INSERT+UP ARROW

Spell Current Line INSERT+UP ARROW twice quickly

Say Prior Sentence **ALT+UP ARROW** Say Next Sentence **ALT+DOWN ARROW** ALT+NUM PAD 5 Say Current Sentence Say Prior Paragraph CTRL+UP ARROW Say Next Paragraph CTRL+DOWN ARROW Say Paragraph CTRL+NUM PAD 5 **INSERT+HOME** Say to Cursor Say from Cursor **INSERT+PAGE UP**

Spell to Cursor INSERT+HOME twice quickly
Spell from Cursor INSERT+PAGE UP twice quickly

Say All INSERT+DOWN ARROW

Fast Forward during a Say All RIGHT ARROW
Rewind during a Say All LEFT ARROW

Say Selected Text CAPS LOCK+SHIFT+A or CAPS LOCK+SHIFT+DOWN ARROW

Laptop Style Keyboard without Number Pad

On a laptop style keyboard it is usual to set the CAPS LOCK key as the JAWS key. For this reason the instructions below all use CAPS LOCK as the JAWS key. However, should you wish to continue to use the INSERT key as the JAWS key then simply replace CAPS LOCK in the instructions below with INSERT.

Description Command

Say Prior Character CAPS LOCK+M or LEFT ARROW

Say Next Character CAPS LOCK+PERIOD or RIGHT ARROW

Say Character CAPS LOCK+COMMA

Say Character Phonetically CAPS LOCK+COMMA twice quickly

Say Prior Word CAPS LOCK+J
Say Next Word CAPS LOCK+L
Say Word CAPS LOCK+K

Spell Word CAPS LOCK+K twice quickly
Say Prior Line CAPS LOCK+U or UP ARROW
Say Next Line CAPS LOCK+O or DOWN ARROW

Say Current Line CAPS LOCK+I

Spell Current Line CAPS LOCK+I twice quickly

Say Prior Sentence CAPS LOCK+Y
Say Next Sentence CAPS LOCK+N
Say Current Sentence CAPS LOCK+H

Say Prior Paragraph

CAPS LOCK+CTRL+U or CTRL+UP ARROW

Say Next Paragraph

CAPS LOCK+CTRL+O or CTRL+DOWN ARROW

Say Paragraph CAPS LOCK+CTRL+I

Say to Cursor CAPS LOCK+HOME or CAPS LOCK+SHIFT+J
Say from Cursor CAPS LOCK+PAGE UP or CAPS LOCK+SHIFT+L

Spell to Cursor CAPS LOCK+HOME or CAPS LOCK+SHIFT+J twice quickly
Spell from Cursor CAPS LOCK+PAGE UP or CAPS LOCK+SHIFT+L twice quickly

Say All CAPS LOCK+A or CAPS LOCK+DOWN ARROW

Fast Forward during a Say All RIGHT ARROW Rewind during a Say All LEFT ARROW

Say Selected Text CAPS LOCK+SHIFT+A or CAPS LOCK+SHIFT+DOWN ARROW