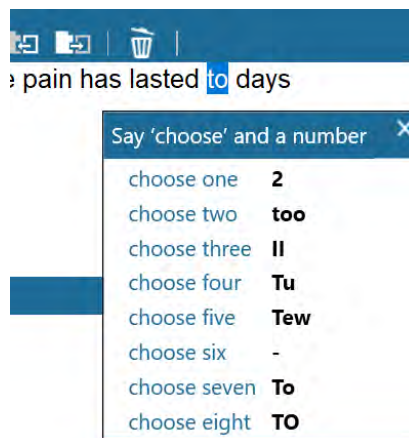# Common Word Misrecognition

Understanding How Dragon Chooses Common Words

Dragon has a complete library of common words as well as Medical Dictionaries based on specialty. Custom words can be added to the user's vocabulary by going to Manage Vocabulary to add and train those custom words. This job aid is to guide the user when a common, sound alike word is not recognized in the context of a sentence or paragraph and working with custom sound alike words.

Common Sound Alike Words:

1. Be sure the clinician is speaking in phrases or sentences. When speaking one word at a time, Dragon doesn't always know how to put it in proper context. Sound alike words are determined by the phrase or sentence. This helps Dragon know the right "hear – here", "there - they're - their" and of course 2's and 4's, etc.
2. If Dragon gets common sound alike words wrong – you do NOT have to train it. However, you should CORRECT it. Example: If Dragon wrote the wrong "to". You can correct by saying "Correct to" and all the "to" options should show.
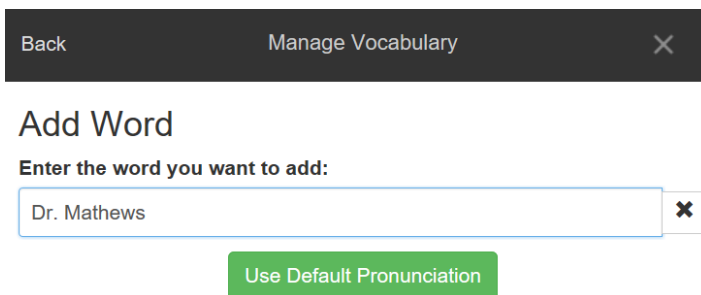

Choose the correct option by saying "choose 1" (or whatever line it is on). Best practice is to not just say "correct to" but to pick the phrase "correct to days" and correct or re-dictate "2 days".

You can also Select phrases by saying "Select <word> thru <word>" or Select first sentence, last sentence, previous sentence. At that point you can Speak over the phrase in a complete phrase or sentence and it should get the context right.
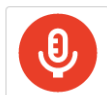
Custom Sound Alike Words:

A sometimes-difficult scenario is when a custom word has a different spelling than a more common word/name. Example: Dr. Matthews is a common spelling. However, if the name is spelled Dr. Mathews (one T) we need to follow the process for Add Word to add the correct spelling.
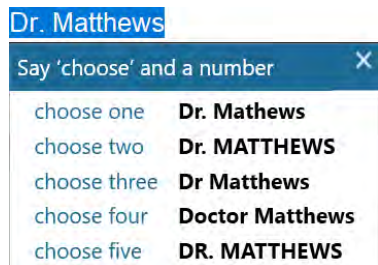
1. Say "Add Word"
2. Add the word Dr. Mathews
   a. In this example, you should not have to Train the word as Dragon should understand it. Just click Default Pronunciation

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Add Word

Enter the word you want to add:

Dr. Mathews	✖

Use Default Pronunciation

Dragon provides the default pronunciation based on the word's spelling. If you pronounce it differently from the spelling you can click the microphone icon here and say the word as you would normally pronounce it.

Dragon may not get it right the first time so follow the "correct Dr. Matthews" pattern and choose the correct line. After time, Dragon will *learn* the one you want going forward.

Dr. Matthews

Say 'choose' and a number	✕
choose one	**Dr. Mathews**
choose two	**Dr. MATTHEWS**
choose three	**Dr Mathews**
choose four	**Doctor Matthews**
choose five	**DR. MATTHEWS**

*Some words may need to be trained if the phonetic sound is different than the spelling.