

Teaching English to Visually Impaired Learners

Session 2. Tools and Resources

Jaws Language Settings

Setting up Jaws to work in English

This document is prepared for the following versions of Jaws:

- Jaws 2020.2110.3.400 and above.

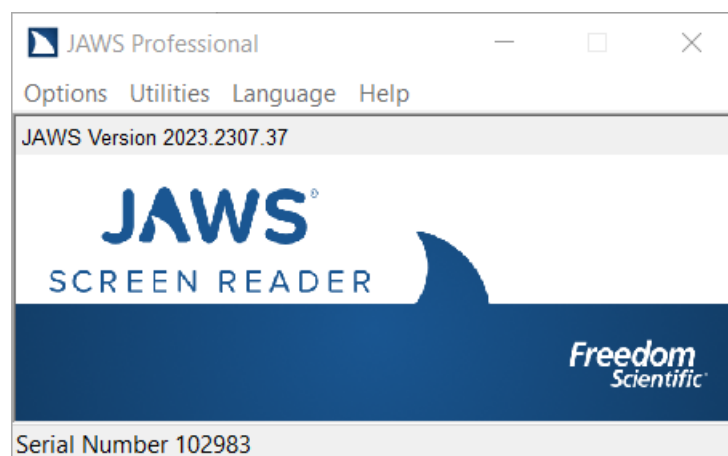
Follow the steps below to change some features of Jaws so that it can read English texts well:

To put Jaws back into your preferred language, you can do what is indicated in the second step again.

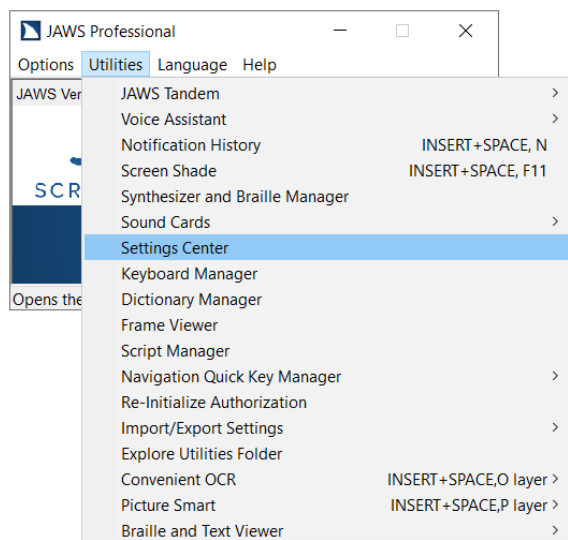
Remember, press **CTRL** when you want to mute Jaws until the next movement.

STEP 1: Changes in the configuration manager

Open the Jaws menu. If you have more applications open, you can search for it with Alt+tab and when you hear the name Jaws, release both keys. The Jaws menu image will appear.

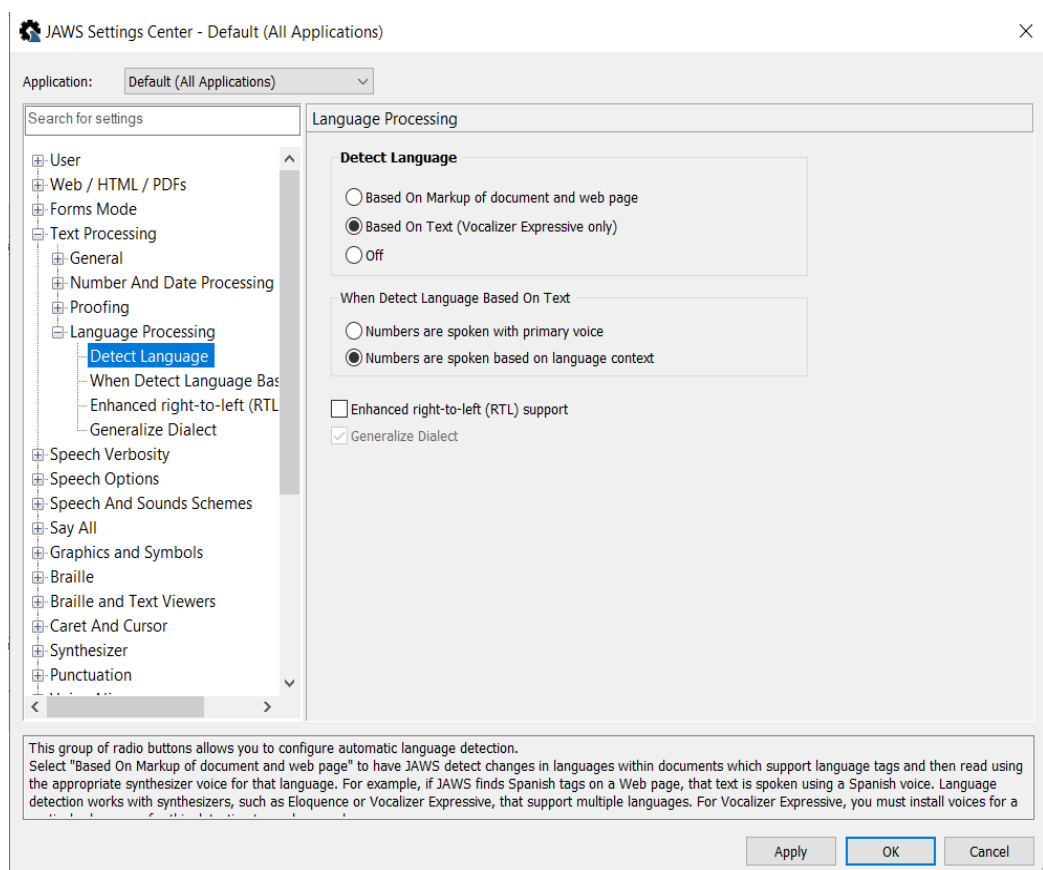
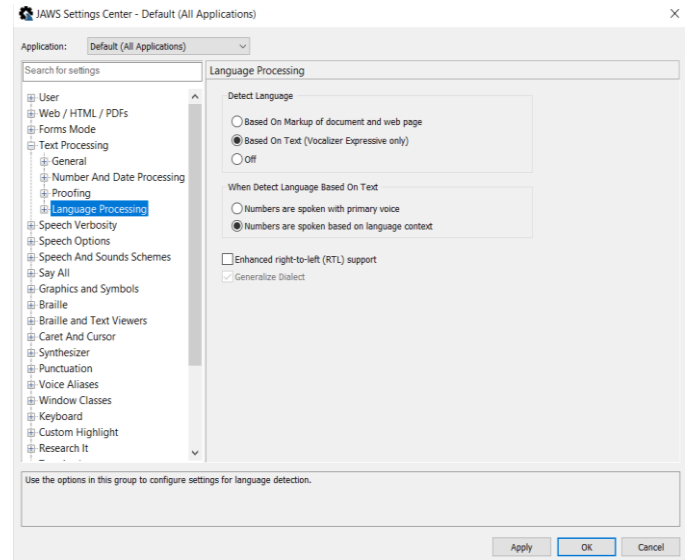
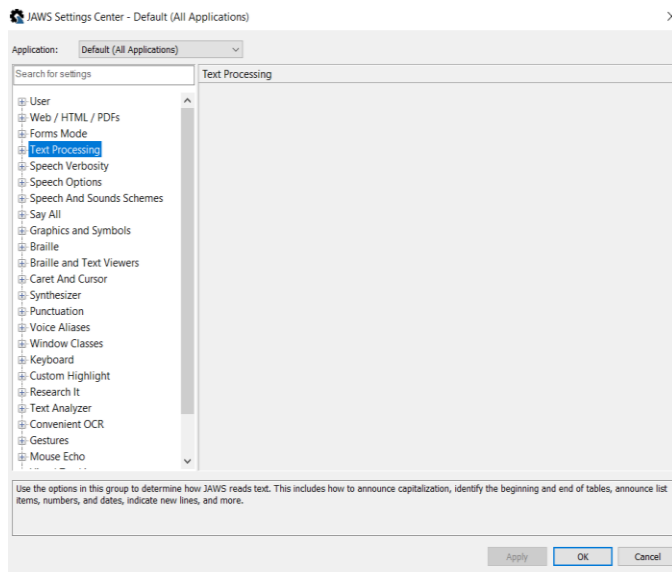


Press Alt to access the Jaws menus. Then, move with the right arrow to the **Utilities tab**. To display it, you can press enter or press down arrow. With the **down arrow**, go to **Settings Center** and select it with **enter**.



When you press enter, a new window will open with the configuration manager.

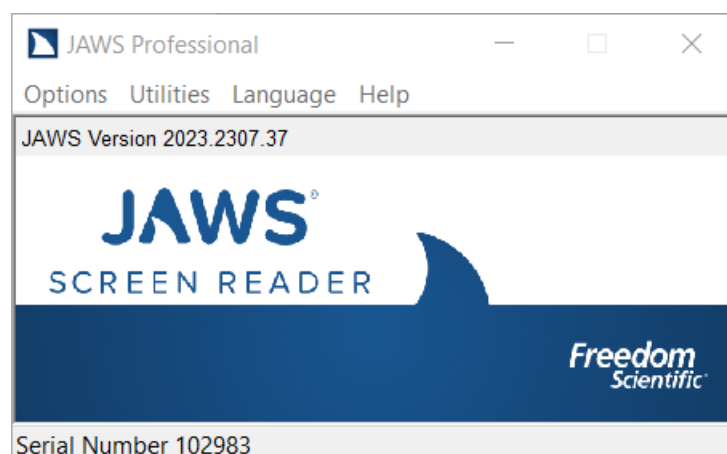
With the **down arrow**, find **Text Processing**, press the right arrow to open the submenu and **down arrow** until you find **Language Processing**. Again, press the **right arrow** to open the submenu and the **down arrow** to go to **Detect Language**. Once you are in Detect Languages, press the Space **bar** until you read **Based on Text**. Then, press **enter**.



We have already completed the most complicated step for Jaws to speak to us in English, although it is not enough. Let's go to the second step.

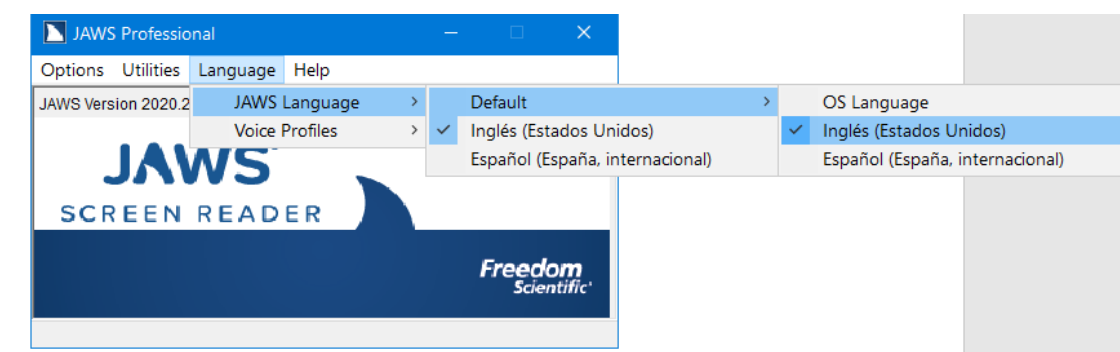
STEP 2: Change the Jaws language

Open the Jaws menu screen.



Press **Alt** to access the menus. Then, move with the right arrow to the **Language menu** and expand it. To display it, you can press **enter** or press the down arrow. With the **down arrow**, go to the **Jaws Language** option; with the right arrow, go to the next submenu. With the down arrow, locate **English** and select it with **enter**. Then, with the up arrow, go to **Default**. Open the options with the right arrow and with the down arrow select **English** with **enter**. Now, Jaws speaks in English and its menus will also appear in that language.

Remember, you can follow this second step to put Jaws back in your usual language.



STEP 3. Language selection in any application

It is not necessary to have the Jaws menu open for this step, and you can do it as many times as you need in any application you want. It is about selecting the Jaws language for the moment you are working with it. It is easier than the previous steps, but it will not work well if you do not do steps 1 and 2.

It involves pressing **Control+Windows+L** on any screen you have open. By default, the language in which Jaws is normally reading will appear.

With the up and down arrows, other languages will appear. Search for **English (UK)** and press enter. Jaws will start speaking in English, even though what is written is in another language. This means that Jaws will read a text in a different language to English, but with English pronunciation and will sound very strange.

