**Topic: Modes**

In Dragon Naturally Speaking, there are different recognition modes for your dictation. Depending on what you are dictating depends on what mode you should use.

In Dragon, there are 5 different modes:

**Normal Mode (Default):** Best suited for normal speech involving words, numbers, and commands.

**Numbers Mode:** Your Dragon only recognizes numbers, commands, and punctuation. This mode is good for entering lots of numbers at one time.

**Spell Mode:** Your Dragon recognizes only letters, numbers, commands, and punctuation.

**Command Mode:** Your dragon only interprets everything you dictate as a command and nothing else.

**Dictation Mode:** Everything is interpreted as dictation and no commands are recognized, except for a few commands such as ‘New Line’ and ‘New Paragraph’.

**Changing Modes**

You can change between modes either by using commands, or by selecting the **Modes** menu in the DragonBar.

To open using commands, just state the mode you wish to turn on, and after that say ‘ON’.

For example,

“Numbers Mode On” or “Start Numbers” or “Switch to Numbers Mode”

To turn off a mode, use the same method.

“Numbers Mode Off” or “Stop Numbers Mode” or “Switch to Normal Mode”
For More Information

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