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Assistive and adaptive technologies can enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities, increase their independence and productivity, and help them gain greater social inclusion. However, the meaning of "Assistive Technology" often remains unclear and fuzzy to many healthcare professionals and disabled people who could benefit from it.

This article proposes a practical definition of Assistive Technology illustrated with concrete examples of products and services grouped into categories. View this article online at <http://www.rehabtool.com/at.html>

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Hd Ready Tv Guide

By Simon Oldmann

What is HD ready TV?

An HD ready TV is a television with the ability to receive and display pictures at high definition. In general, a television is HD ready, if it does not have a HD capable tuner built in and using a digital input or component video input, the HD read TV, has the capabilities of receiving and displaying signals of high definition. There are three specific signals designated as high definition and they are 1080p, 1080i, and 720p.

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Now the real definition comes from the pixels within the television. If the television does not have a pixel resolution of 1280x720 or 1920x1080, then it will not have the capabilities of giving the true representation of true pixel for pixel.

What is great about HD ready TV is that the technology gives a far better picture than other broadcast systems. The picture received on a high definition television is far sharper and clearer than other such components. Many people are taking advantage of the high definition components because the pictures are cleaner, truer to life, and in general far crisper than ever before. HD ready TV's was the future, now it is a reality. Many broadcast systems are already filming their shows and movies in HD format such as BBC and Sky.

You will need a few different things to take advantage of this latest technology in television viewing. The first thing is an HD ready TV. Of course, that is a given as that is what this entire article is about. The second thing you will need is an HD ready receiver, to grab the signals and display them on your HD ready TV. The last thing you need, you probably saw this coming, is a subscription package from your cable company. Yes it is not enough to have an HD ready TV, you have to pay for the luxury of having clear, crisp, and better quality picture on the high definition television.

So, now you are probably wondering what you could expect to pay for a television that offers such technology. Well, to be honest, there are a variety of price ranges available throughout the world. It is all the matter of where you choose to buy it from. The internet is full of great deals, the key is to be careful when choosing a website to make a purchase. You will want to make sure they are reputable and trust worthy.

For a 50 inch widescreen HD ready TV, with a built in ATSC tuner, could run you as much as \$3,500 USD. Now not all HD ready TV's are that expensive, you could find a 52", with a built in tuner for only \$894 from Wal-Mart. The key to the costs is what you want with your HD ready TV. The more bells and whistles the more you are going to pay. Another cost dependant factor is where you are purchasing the television from, if you purchase from a place like Best Buy, it is likely you will pay more than if you were to shop at Wal-Mart instead. However, keep in mind that low cost does not always mean high quality and vice versa.

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