




Free or Low Cost Assistive Technology for Everyone

These Assistive Technology tools can be used by anyone, anywhere! All programs, apps, and software on this list are free or cost less than \$25.


Reading & Literacy Support:


NaturalReader	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text-to-Speech software which converts Microsoft Word, Webpages, PDFs, and Email into spoken text • Customize reading voice and speed for your readings • Floating toolbar to read text in other applications • Online Text-to-Speech program with options to input text from various sources on your computer • More Information: http://www.naturalreaders.com/
Cost: Free	Compatibility: Windows; Mac OS; Online Resource


Voice Dream Reader	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text-to-speech app to read books with the ability to customize your screen for preferred reading options • Read by listening to the text, visually or both at the same time • Supports PDF, Word Docs, EPUB, DAISY, eBooks, Web pages and more with the ability to integrate your Bookshare books or books in Dropbox, Evernote, Pocket, Gutenberg and more • Includes multiple language options along with various fonts, including Open Dyslexic font, and voices, including the option to purchase additional voices • Highlight information in the reading and export it to other programs and apps • More Information: http://www.voicedream.com/features/
Cost: \$14.99; Dream Reader Suite – \$24.99	Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone, iPod touch; Android

Beeline Reader	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polychrome color text reader with Open Dyslexie Font • Read PDF files, webpages and convert ebooks to PDF files to be read with this program • Polychrome color text helps eyes to track lines of text for easier, faster reading by eliminating “line transition errors.” • Various monochrome color schemes for personalized use • More Information: http://www.beelinereader.com/
Cost: \$1.99 – iOS app; browser extensions free	Compatibility: Browser Extension: Chrome & Firefox; iOS: iPad, iPhone; Desktop


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ReadMe!	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read PDF and ePUB files on your tablet when you upload them to your bookshelf • Spritz Reader is integrated into it – a tool for speed reading showing one word at a time to the reader • Beeline Reader – polychromatic text color reader integrated into pay option of app <p>☐ More Information: https://www.readmei.com/</p>
<p>Cost: Free with Spritz Reader but Beeline Reader has additional monthly (\$0.99), yearly (\$4.99) or lifetime membership options</p>	<p>Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch; Android</p>


Mercury Reader	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove clutter from webpages for easier reading • Customize the size of the text, the font, and if it's a light or dark themed background • Send the reading to Kindle for reading on that device <p>• More Information: https://mercury.postlight.com/reader/</p>
<p>Cost: Free</p>	<p>Compatibility: Chrome Extension</p>

Rewordify	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rewordify replaces higher-level vocabulary with words that are easier to understand • Help build understanding within readings and builds vocabulary • Difficult words are replaced and highlighted • Click on the words that were replaced to see the original word in the text ☐ <p>More Information: http://rewordify.com/</p>
<p>Cost: Free</p>	<p>Compatibility: Online Resource</p>




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GhostReader	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Text-to-Speech app for Mac computers• Reads your text aloud with the ability to customize voices and modify the pronunciation of words so it sounds correct when reading• Ability to zoom and highlight words• Convert text to audio files for on-the-go listening• Import text from a variety of formats including Text, Word, HTML, PDF & RTF• More Information: http://www.convenienceware.com/ghostreader
Cost: \$24.99	Compatibility: Mac


Claro ScanPen	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen to printed material on the spot• Take a photo of your printed document, select text with your finger, and have it read back to you• Compatible with Voiceover• Multiple languages• More Information: https://www.claro-apps.com/claro-scanpen/
Cost: \$6.99; "Pro" version is free for 14 day trial	Compatibility: iOS; Android


Claro PDF Pro	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen to your PDFs read aloud using the built in voices on iOS as well as 4 high quality voices• Convert images to fully accessible PDF files that can be spoken, searched, copied, or highlighted• Change the background color of document and invert the text colors• Annotate and mark up your document using highlights, underlines, strike outs, notes, drawing, insert images, audio, video and more• More Information: https://www.claro-apps.com/claropdf/
Cost: \$9.99	Compatibility: iOS; Android


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Select and Speak (formerly SpeakIt!)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select the text you want read aloud in your browser • Click on the SpeakIt! Icon and the text will be read out loud • Can read text in more than 50 languages • Ability to add new voices and change the speaking rate • More Information: https://www.ispeech.org/
Cost: \$2.99/month	Compatibility: Chrome Extension
Spritz	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test your reading speed using Spritz to find your optimum reading speed to use in partnership with Ready • Increase or decrease the test reading speed to find your balance of speed and comprehension • Spritz custom interface called the Spritzlet, adjusts word position and red letter placement for increased focus, attention and comprehension • Various website and apps have the Spritz Spritzlet embedded in it • More Information: http://www.spritzinc.com/
Cost: Free	Compatibility: Web; iOS; Android
Ready	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Ready to focus your eyes on one word at a time without having to move them while reading • Upload a PDF, txt or copy and paste text into the website to have it read in their Ready interact • Use Ready's interface adjusts position of word for optimum viewing in your eyes and highlights one letter of each word in red to help focus your eyes • Increase reading speed and comprehension using Ready • Use Spritz to test yourself to find optimum reading speed • More Information: http://www.ready.co/
Cost: Free	Compatibility: Online Resource


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Read Mode	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove distractions from reading on the internet with this app • Click the Chrome Extension for clean reading with black text on white background • Ads and flash animations removed by the click of a button • More Information: https://goo.gl/wY6nY
Cost: Free	Compatibility: Chrome Extension


VBookz PDF Reader	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read PDF files with this app • Interactive cursor allows readers to follow along with text • Use annotation tools such as highlighting, text, notes, and bookmarks to help support your reading • Read books in text mode with the option for Dyslexie Font • Import PDFs using email, Dropbox, or through iTunes • More Information: http://vbookz.com/
Cost: \$4.99: Free version available with reduced features	Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone, iPod touch

Speed	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train yourself to increase your reading speed with Speed • Import online articles and have them read at double or triple the speed • Speed can train you to read between 200 and 400 words per minute • More Information: https://goo.gl/uHKNHO
Cost: Free	Compatibility: Chrome Extension




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spreeder	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free online web application to help you read faster• Copy and paste text from any source into the online application and speed!• Words will flash at a words per minute rate as you read along and increase your reading speed• Ability to adjust words per minute speed, chunk size/number of words flashed, background color and more• More Information: http://www.spreeder.com/
Cost: Free	Compatibility: Online Resource


Text2Speech.org	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enter text from any source and have it read out loud by this online resource• Ability to download file to an mp3 file• Customize voice and speed• 4000 character limit to text read• More Information: http://www.text2speech.org/
Cost: Free	Compatibility: Online Resource

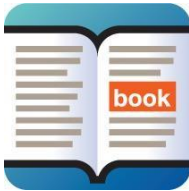
ABBYY TextGrabber + Translator	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using the camera of your device, capture text and translate it using OCR □ Easily extract text from books, magazines, newspapers, ads, etc.• Use VoiceOver (iPad only) to listen to your document in a text-to-speech format• Captured text can be edited and/or copied to another source• More Information: http://www.abbyy.com/textgrabber_ios/
Cost: \$9.99	Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone, iPod touch; Android


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Capti Narrator	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convert documents and webpages into text-to-speech • Upload documents from Dropbox, Google Drive, Clipboard, Instapaper, or Web Browser • Listen to document immediately or save it to your playlist for future listening • Adjust speech rate along with the choice of built in voices; additional voices for purchase • More Information: https://www.captivoice.com/capti-site/
Cost: Free	Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone, iPod touch; Windows and Mac Browser Extension
Prizmo	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a picture and have immediate conversion into text with this OCR program for text-to-speech • Ability to change the voice and interactive reading display with words highlighted as they are read • 10 different languages built in with over 30 addition for download • Ability to edit the OCR results to correct spelling errors or reorder text • More Information: http://www.creaceed.com/prizmo/about
Cost: Free Version; \$13.99 for unlimited scans	Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone
Bookshare	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largest online library of accessible reading materials for people with print disabilities • Accessible books, textbooks, newspapers and magazine are available • Individuals with Print Disabilities can sign up for a membership • Books available for download can be read on DAISY players, with Screen Readers, Refreshable Braille Displays, and other Assistive Technology Programs □ More Information: https://www.bookshare.org/
Cost: Contact our office for a membership	Compatibility: Online Resource

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Go Read	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Download and listen to your Bookshare books on your Android device • Read DAISY and EPUB books with voice navigated and text-to-speech • Connects directly to online libraries, and Bookshare for quick download • Optimized for visually-impaired readers but usable for anyone • More Information: http://goread.org/
Cost: Free	Compatibility: Android


Read2Go	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Browse over 190,000 books for have access all of your Bookshare books on your mobile device • Easy use app to read text or turn on the text-to-speech mode • Control the text layout of the page for easier visual reading including font size, color, background and reading options such as reading speed, and voice options • Connect via Bluetooth to a braille display to read in Braille • More Information: http://read2go.org/
Cost: \$19.99	Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone, iPod touch

Cometdocs PDF Converter	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create and convert PDF documents to Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Images, and other formats • Use within Google Drive with the converted documents waiting for you there • Use the web application, desktop app or app on your iOS device to convert documents too • More Information: http://www.cometdocs.com/
Cost: Free	Compatibility: Windows; iPad, iPhone; Chrome Extension

Yuzu (formerly Nook Study)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read your textbooks on the go – anywhere • Annotate your readings with highlights, sticky notes, and flags in your textbooks • Filter your notes and highlights onto one screen • More Information: https://www.yuzu.com/
Cost: Free	Compatibility: iPad; Web App; Windows App

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Fokus	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highlight only the text you want to read while Fokus dims and darkens the rest of your Chrome or Firefox window with an overlay• Highlights the paragraph you're reading with the ability to change the opacity of the background overlay• Easy to install extension with the ability to turn the feature on or off• More Information: https://chrome.google.com or https://addons.mozilla.org/
Cost: Free	Compatibility: Chrome and Firefox Add-On

CamScanner	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use your camera phone to scan documents, notes, whiteboards, business cards or any other document• Use the Optical Character Recognition (OCR) feature to convert images to readable text• Add annotations to your scanned documents• Sync documents across devices• More Information: https://www.camscanner.net/
Cost: Free	Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone; Android; Windows Phone 8