



# Natural Reader

## Lessons for Assistive Technologies

Natural Reader is a free text-to-speech app that reads text and documents to you out loud



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## Find the Natural Reader app

- Look for the Natural Reader app on your device's home screen
- Tap on the Natural Reader app to open it
- If Natural Reader isn't installed on your device, open the Play Store. You can search for **Natural Reader** and download the app. If you've never downloaded apps before, do [this lesson](#) first.

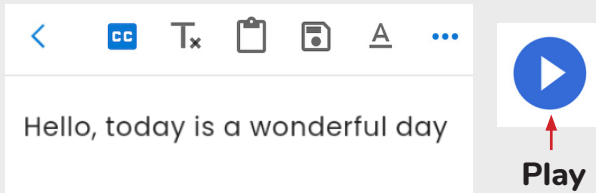
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A screenshot of the account creation form in the Natural Reader app. It features two input fields: 'Email' and 'Password'. The 'Email' field is highlighted with a red border and has the text 'Email required' below it. The 'Password' field has a small eye icon to its right and the text 'Minimum 6 characters' below it.

## Create a Natural Reader account

- Tap on the three lines in the top left corner of the app. Then tap **Sign up**.
- Pick one of the following ways to start an account:
  - Create an account using your email address
  - Sign in with your Google account (Gmail)
  - Sign in with your Apple account (Apple ID)

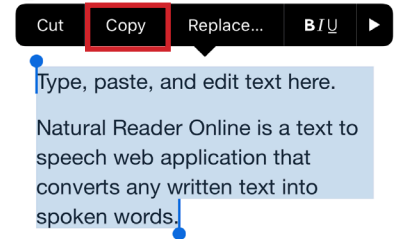
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## Add text to the text box

- After you sign in to Natural Reader, you'll see a text box. You can add text to the Natural Reader text box to hear it out loud. For example, you could type "Hello, today is a wonderful day."
- Tap the blue **Play** button at the top to hear your text out loud
- When you want to hear something else, delete the text that's already in the box. Then type in other words you'd like to hear out loud.

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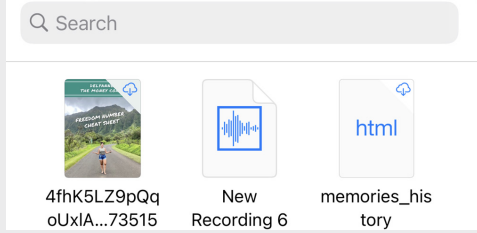


## Copy and paste text


- You can also copy and paste text from another app into Natural Reader
- Find text in another app that you want to hear out loud. Tap and drag your finger over the text to highlight it. Tap **Copy**.
- Open Natural Reader and tap the text box. Then tap **Paste**.
- Tap the blue **Play** button to hear the text out loud

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## Upload a document

- You can upload a document from your device to Natural Reader. The app will read your document out loud.
- Tap on the **Add** button  on the bottom right corner of the app
- Tap on **Browse** to choose any documents on your device
- Look through the files on your device and choose one to upload

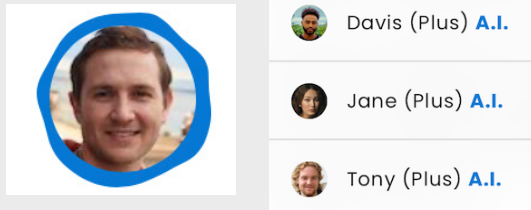
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## Listen to your document's text

- Tap on a word to choose where you'd like to start listening
- Tap on the blue **Play** button at the top of your app to start reading
- If you want to stop the speaker, tap the **Pause** icon 
- You can skip to the next sentence by tapping the **Next** icon. You can go back one sentence by tapping the **Previous** icon.

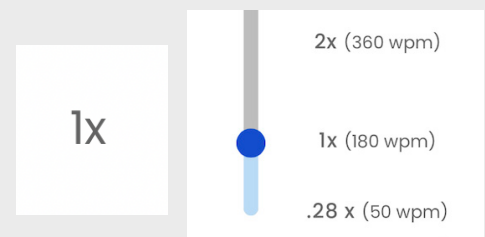
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## Change the speaker's voice

- The free version of the Natural Reader app has 20 different speaker voices
- To change the speaker, tap on the **face** icon in the bottom left corner of the screen. A list of speaker voices will appear.
- Choose a voice to read your text out loud

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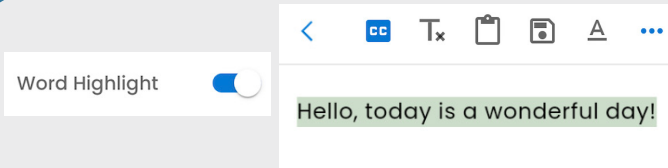


## Change the speaker's speed

- Tap the **1x** icon at the bottom right corner of the screen.
- A bar will appear at the bottom of the app. Tap the marker on the bar and drag your finger to move the setting up or down. You can change the speed from slow (0.28x) to fast (5x).
- Tap the **X** on the top right corner of the bar to return to the main page of the app

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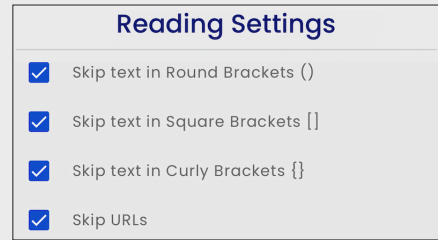
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## Highlight words

- Natural Reader can highlight words at the same time it reads them out loud. Highlighting words can help you read along with the speaker.
- Tap the **three dots** ●●● in the top right corner of the screen to get the **Settings** menu. Then tap bar next to **Word Highlight** to the right to turn it on.
- To turn it off, tap **Word Highlight** again

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## Skip text

- Natural Reader can skip reading some words out loud. You can make it skip words in brackets and website addresses, like **www.google.ca**.
- Tap the **three dots** ●●● in the top right corner again for **Settings**. Then tap **Skip Reading Text**.
- Tap the checkboxes next to **Skip text in brackets** and **Skip URLs** to make sure the speaker skips those kinds of text