

# ★ TEXT-TO-SPEECH APPS ★

A Variety of Apps with different features to support children with reading difficulties, homework, and dyslexia therapy at home

## 1 Free/Low-Cost Tools

**Good For:** Occasional homework help, early readers, families seeking cost-effective options

**Examples:** **Built-in TTS on Mac, Windows, iOS, Android; NaturalReader Free; Speak4Me**

**Why:** Lets your child hear directions & text, boosting comprehension & reducing frustration.

**Special Features:** Speak4Me allows taking a picture of printed materials and reads them aloud.

## 2 Mid-Range/One-time Purchase Tools

**Good For:** Students with regular homework, mild/moderate reading challenges

**Examples:** **Voice Dream Reader; NaturalReader Paid**

**Why:** Reads PDFs, Word docs, and web pages aloud with high-quality voices—ideal for regular homework and practice.

**Special Features:** Voice Dream Reader supports OCR through the built-in camera to read printed text.

## 3 Premium/Subscription Tools

**Good For:** Students with significant reading needs or heavy homework load

**Examples:** **ReadSpeaker TextAid; Voice Dream Reader Premium; Speechify Premium**

**Why:** Reads multiple types of text, consistent support for long assignments, reduces decoding stress.

**Special Features:** Speechify & Voice Dream allow scanning or taking pictures of printed homework for reading aloud.

## 4 Multisensory & Customizable Tools

**Good For:** Students who benefit from font, color, or spacing adjustments

**Examples:** **MYdys; Read&Write; ClaroSpeak**

**Why:** Supports both seeing and hearing text, making reading easier and more comfortable

**Special Features:** MYdys allows taking pictures of print material to read aloud and highlights text for easier tracking..

## 5 Reading & Writing Support

**Good For:** Students who need support with reading access, spelling, and/or writing

**Examples:** **Read&Write; WordQ + SpeakQ; Learning Ally**

**Why:** Supports reading, spelling, and writing with read-aloud and literacy tools.

## 6 Tips for Parents

- Try different apps to see which works best for your child.
- Use apps for reading homework directions, worksheets, or practice reading at home.
- Have your child follow the text while listening.
- Adjust font, color, and speed for comfort.
- Start with free tools; upgrade if needed.

**Note:** Regular use at home can reinforce learning and build reading confidence.