# Free or Low Cost AT 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. These tools are broken down into categories.

## Reading & Literacy Support

* Natural Reader (Cost: Free)
  + 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/>Compatibility: Windows; Mac OS; Online Resource
* Readability (Cost: Free)
  + Turns any webpage into a clean reading page
  + Eliminates distractions and other visual clutter
  + Read your articles now or save them for future reading
  + Adjust text size and line length for easier reading
  + Safari internet browser has built in feature that does similar features
  + More Information: <https://www.readability.com/>
  + Compatibility: Online Resource; Android; iOS: iPad, iPhone
* Rewordify (Cost: Free)
  + 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
  + More Information: <http://rewordify.com/>Compatibility: Online Resource
* Balabolka (Cost: Free)
  + Text-to-Speech program using the voices installed on your computer
  + Save online text as mP3, mP4, WAV, OGG or WMA file for portable or later listening
  + Reads documents from the clipboard or file types such as DOC, EPUB, HTML, PDF, RTF, and more
  + Customize the background color, font size, and reading options including pitch and rate
  + More Information: <http://www.cross-plus-a.com/balabolka.htm>Compatibility: Windows
* Voice Dream Reader (Cost: $9.99)
  + 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/>Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone, iPod touch
* iReadWrite (Cost: $19.95)
  + Many of the popular features of Read & Write Gold available in an app
  + Text-to-Speech, Word Prediction, Phonetic Spell Checker, Homophone and Confusable Word Checker, Dictionaries, and Customizable Voices, Fonts, Background, and Text Colors
  + No Wi-Fi or 3G access needed to run app
  + Ability to Import, Share, or Print Documents
  + More Information: <http://goo.gl/GbRXEs>Compatibility: iPad
* Bookshare (Cost: Free for print disability)
  + 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/>Compatibility: Online Resource

## NoteTaking

* Notability (Cost: $2.99)
  + Write, type, or annotate using highlighters your notes using the all in one notetaking app
  + Ability to take pictures and audio record with sound being linked to your notes
  + Use Google Drive, Dropbox and Box to import, export and share documents such as PowerPoints and take notes direction on them
  + Organize all your notes in one place
  + More Information: <http://www.gingerlabs.com/>Compatibility: Mac; iOS: iPad, iPhone, iPod touch
* SoundNote (Cost: $4.99)
  + Type or write out your notes while the audio recording is synced to each word or pen stroke
  + Tap on the word and then the play button to playback what was being said at that moment in the audio recording
  + Share your audio recording and notes via email, Dropbox, or transfer directly to your computer
  + More Information: <http://soundnote.com/>Compatibility: Mac ; iOS: iPad
* AudioNote (Cost: Free version, $4.99)
  + Synchronize your notes with the audio recording of your lecture
  + Take hand-written
  + Import lecture slides as the background to your notes
  + More Information: <http://luminantsoftware.com/iphone/audionote>Compatibility: Windows; Mac; iOS: iPad; Android
* AccessNote (Cost: Free)
  + Notetaking tool for those who are Blind or Visually Impaired created by the American Foundation for the Blind
  + App combines notetaking capabilities with the other accessibility features and functions of the iOS device
  + Input notes with either QWERTY Keyboard, refreshable Braille Display
  + More Information: <http://goo.gl/bozjm7> Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone, iPod touch
* Evernote (Cost: Free, Other paid subscriptions)
  + A one-stop place to collect notes, files, web clippings, and images with the ability to access them on virtually any device
  + Collect and find your information easily
  + Great tool for researching, planning events and everyday organizational use
  + Collaborate with others on projects using the sharing features
  + More Information: <http://evernote.com>Compatibility: Windows; Mac; iOS: iPad, iPhone; iPod touch; Android; Windows Phone; Blackberry

## Dictation/Speech-to-Text

* Dragon Dictation (Cost: Free)
  + Speech recognition software that recognizes your works and transcribes them
  + Dictate words into text messages, emails, social media, or paste into other apps and programs using the clipboard feature
  + Hands free, quick dictation for anyone on the go
  + More Information: [http://www.nuance.com/for-individuals/mobile- applications/dragon-dictation/index.htm](http://www.nuance.com/for-individuals/mobile-%20applications/dragon-dictation/index.htm)Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch
* VoiceNote (Cost: Free)
  + Extension for Google Chrome that allows you to type by simply speaking out loud
  + Create a shortcut for easy use with other applications
  + Speak your punctuation or click the buttons to add it to the text
  + More Information: [https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/voicenote-speech-to-text/hfknjgplnkgjihghcidajejfmldhibfm?hl=en](https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/voicenote-speech-to-%20text/hfknjgplnkgjihghcidajejfmldhibfm?hl=en)Compatibility: Google Chrome Extension

## Vision Assistants

* TapTapSee (Cost: Free)
  + Use this app to help identify everyday objects for anyone with a visual impairment or who is blind
  + Double tap the screen, take a picture of the object, and hear what the object is spoken out loud
  + Turn VoiceOver on to have the object description read out loud
  + More Information: <http://www.taptapseeapp.com/>Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone, iPod touch; Android
* Vision Assist (Cost: $5.99)
  + Use your iDevice to become an instant handheld magnifier or CCTV
  + Zoom images up to 20x
  + Change display mode to match your best vision including black and white, color, highlights, contrasting colors, and smart text to enhance text
  + Magnify documents, books, whiteboard or anything you see
  + Compatible with VoiceOver
  + More Information: <http://visionassist.slinkyware.com/>Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone, iPod touch
* Fleksy (Cost: $.99)
  + Increase your keyboard or text input system size to 114% the normal size increase ease of sight using this QWERTY keyboard
  + State-of-the-art system powerful enough for individuals who are blind or low vision to use by not needing to look at the screen to type
  + Powerful word prediction system and autocorrect system edits your text without the need to even see the keyboard
  + More Information: <http://fleksy.com/>Compatibility: iOS: iPad, iPhone, iPod touch; Android