



Entertainment

The Voice Dream Reader App

Did you know there are text-to-speech book reading apps available in the App Store?

Voice Dream Reader is one of the best text-to-speech apps you can download from the **App Store**. Once you learn about it, you'll want to use it every day! **Check it out!**

Tip: Voice Dream Reader is not a free app. If you don't want to buy it, there are similar free apps available, and the steps below will still help you become familiar with the basics.

Voice Dream Reader Library

1. Open the **Voice Dream Reader** app. The home screen is a **Library** that displays a list of all the content you have added, and the focus is on the **Add** button.

Tip: Double tapping here will give you several ways to add content from sources like Bookshare, text you've added to your clipboard, documents from apps like Dropbox, and even content from your Files app. If you haven't added content to your library, the app's What's New and User Manual documents are default items in your list.

2. Touch the screen just above the toolbar at the bottom to put the focus on the **Now Reading** mini player.
3. Double tap to expand the mini player. The **Reading** screen opens, and the focus is on the **Library** button at the top left of your screen.

Tip: Double tapping while the **Library** button is selected collapses the reading screen back into the mini player and put you back in your **Library** list.

Exploring Reader Controls

4. Right swipe to move through the reader controls:
 - **Document:** Lets you edit documents and share highlights with others through email or text message.
 - **Controls:** Access control settings like **Sleep** and **Timer** and find advanced reader settings.

- **Audio Settings:** Swipe up or down to adjust reader speech rate in the current document, or double tap to access more audio settings.
- **Visual Settings:** Double tap to change font or text size and set background and text colors.
- **Add Bookmark:** Double tap to bookmark important parts of your books.
- **Previous Item:** Double tap to go to the previous item in your **Library** list.
- **Next Item:** Double tap to go to the next item in your **Library** list.
- **Chapter Heading:** VoiceOver reads the name of the current chapter.
- **Reading Pane:** VoiceOver reads the text of your book. Single tap with two fingers to pause reading.

Tip: You can also read the document text in braille by pairing a refreshable braille device to your Apple device.

- **Headings, Bookmarks, and Highlights:** This is where you'll find your bookmarks and highlights, as well as the book's table of contents.

- **Select Text:** Let's you select text to create highlights, copy and paste, create a note, define a word, or hear a word's pronunciation.
- **Play:** Toggles between **Play** and **Pause**. Swipe up to rewind and down to fast forward. Double tap and hold to set a sleep timer.
- **Navigation:** Swipe up or down to change the fast forward and rewind time from the default 15-second increments to 30 or 60 seconds, by sentence, or by paragraph.
- **Search:** Double tap to search the text of the entire book or document.
- **Timer:** VoiceOver tells you the elapsed reading time.
- **Position:** VoiceOver tells you what percentage of the document you've read. Swipe up or down to move forward and back through the document in larger chunks.
- **Remaining Time:** VoiceOver tells you how much time is left to finish reading the document.

Now that you know the basic features of the Voice Dream Reader app, check out the other workshops in this series to learn more about the entertainment features on your device.

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