



iPhone/iPad for Low Vision

Using the Speak Screen Feature

Your iPhone or iPad has a great feature that lets you give your eyes a rest while the information on your screen is read aloud!

Speak Screen is meant for people with low vision and is a great feature that can help to reduce eye fatigue by reading aloud everything on your screen. So, if you get eye strain headaches from reading too many emails or websites, **Speak Screen** is a must-have feature. **Try it out!**

Tip: The following instructions are for the iPad. However, they are very similar whether you're using an iPad, iPhone, or even an iPod Touch.

Turning On Speak Screen

1. Open the **Settings** app on your **Home** screen.
2. In the **Settings** list, tap **Accessibility**.
3. Then tap **Spoken Content** in the **Accessibility** settings list.

4. Tap the **On/Off** toggle button next to **Speak Screen** to turn it on.
5. Close the **Settings** app.

Using Speak Screen

6. Open a book in your **iBooks** app or an article in your web browser.
7. To start **Speak Screen**, use two fingers to swipe down from the very top edge of your screen.

Tip: Be sure to keep a bit of space between your two fingers. One way to do that is to place your thumb between your two fingers and then swipe.

8. Tap the **Pause** button on the **Player** controls that appear. The **Player** controls will minimize to the right side of your screen, appearing as just an **Arrow** icon.
9. Tap the **Arrow** to open the **Player** controls. These are the buttons from left to right:
 - **Minimize:** Tap this button to minimize the controls.
 - **Touch to Speak:** Tap this “pointing hand” button; then tap your screen where you want the reading to begin.

- **Rewind/Play-Pause/Fast Forward:** These generally work as described. But if you are in an **iBook**, tapping the **Rewind** button will take you to the previous page and **Fast Forward** will take you to the next page.
 - **Playback Speed:** Tap this button to speed up or slow down the speech rate.
 - **Cancel:** Tap this button to cancel speech and close the **Player** controls.
10. Tap the **Play** button to resume reading and explore the different controls.
 11. Tap the **Pause** button to pause reading.

Tip: When you use the **Speak Screen** feature to read a book and reach the end of a page, the page automatically turns, and the reading continues.

Tip: In addition to books and web pages, **Speak Screen** also reads notes, documents, and emails.

Now you know how to use **Speak Screen** on your iPhone or iPad. Check out the other workshops in this series to learn more about customizing your iPhone or iPad for low vision.