



Seeing AI: Apple Low Vision Reading Short Text

Use the Seeing AI app to quickly hear short text.

Seeing AI uses your device's camera to read short text like business cards and greeting cards. **Give it a try!**

Tip: If you don't yet have the Seeing AI app, you can get it by going to the app store on your device and typing "Seeing AI" in the search field. Or contact a Hadley learning specialist for help.

Tip: This series is designed for people with low vision using Apple devices. If you use Android, go to the Seeing AI series for Android Low Vision. If you use your device with a screen reader, be sure to check out our series for using Seeing AI with VoiceOver on your iPhone, or TalkBack on your Android phone.

Seeing AI Functions

Seeing AI has many different functions, such as reading text, describing photos, and identifying products. You can access these functions by selecting the appropriate tab on your main screen.

Tip: To learn more about the layout of the app, check out the Exploring the App workshop in this series, which takes a closer look into the different parts of Seeing AI.

Reading Text on a Small Item

1. Find something with a small amount of text to use for this workshop, for example, a business card or Hadley's signature guide. Place the item on a flat surface.
2. Open the **Seeing AI** app on your device.

Tip: When you open the app, the focus is usually on the Read tab and the camera is on. If you're somewhere else in the app, tap on the Read tab at the bottom left of the screen.

3. Make sure **Align Document** is turned off. The icon is just above the **Read** tab. If it's on, it looks like a sheet of paper. Tap to turn it off. When it's off it looks like a sheet of paper with a slash through it
4. Hold your phone in portrait position, so the short side of the phone with the charging port is facing you.
5. With the long part of the card facing you, place your phone camera-side down directly on top of what you want to read. Feel for the top left edge of the card, then line it up with the top left edge of your phone.

6. Now raise your phone about five inches from the card and hold it steady. Seeing AI reads the text on your card.

Tip: Seeing AI can read the print even if the card is turned upside down.

Reading Text on a Larger Item

7. Find something larger that includes text, for example, a greeting card or a Hadley information card. Place the item on a flat surface.
8. Place your phone camera-side down on the middle of the card.
9. Raise your phone eight or nine inches above the card and hold it steady so the camera captures all the text. Seeing AI reads all the text on your card.

Reading Other Types of Short Text

10. To read text like menus posted on a wall or signs up ahead, face the camera on your device toward that text.

Tip: When the Align Document tool is turned off, the app will start the reading process over again each time the phone moves a little.

11. If the camera isn't seeing all the text, move it to the left or right, or closer or farther away. You'll know you have your camera in the right position when Seeing AI reads without cutting words off or running sentence fragments together.
12. Hold steady until Seeing AI has finished reading.

Tip: If holding steady for a long period of time is difficult, or if you want to review the text once it's been recognized by Seeing AI, it's best to turn on the Align Document tool and switch to reading your text as a document. You can learn more about reading a document in the next workshop in this series, Reading Documents.

Now that you've learned to use Seeing AI to read short text, check out the workshop on reading documents.