



## Text to Voice Options

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Listening to written content can be a great way to stay informed while multitasking. Whether it's a webpage, article, or email (like [Hospice & Palliative Care Today](#)), the following tools can convert text to speech on Chrome, iPhones, and Android devices.

### 1. [Chrome Web Browser \(Desktop or Laptop\)](#)

Chrome now includes a built-in "Read Aloud" feature for webpages. It highlights text as it reads, making it ideal for articles, news stories, and PDFs. To use:

- a. Right-click on a webpage and select "Open in Reading Mode."
- b. The page opens in a side panel with playback controls.
- c. Highlight the text you'd like read aloud and click Play.
- d. Use the toolbar to adjust voice, speed, and highlighting style.

### 2. [iPhone: Reading Emails and On-Screen Text](#)

#### a. [Built-in Accessibility \(Speak Screen" / "Speak Selection\)](#)

- i. Go to Settings → Accessibility → Spoken Content.
- ii. Turn on Speak Screen (swipe down with two fingers to read the full screen).
- iii. Turn on Speak Selection (highlight text, then tap "Speak").
- iv. Optional: enable Speech Controller for easy access and adjust voice, speed, and highlighting.
- v. Works in most apps, including Apple Mail.

#### b. [Siri Reading Commands](#)

- i. You can ask Siri to read your emails:
  1. "Hey Siri, read my emails."
  2. "Hey Siri, read my last email."

*Note: Siri typically reads senders and subject lines, not full email text. Works best with the Apple Mail app.*

#### c. [Outlook "Play My Emails"](#)

- i. If you use Outlook, enable **Play My Emails** for hands-free listening.
  1. Uses Cortana voice assistant to read messages aloud.
  2. Allows voice commands to skip, delete, or flag emails.
  3. Availability varies by language and region.

### 3. Android Phones: Reading Emails and Text

#### a. [Accessibility: “Select to Speak”](#)

- i. Go to Settings → Accessibility → Select to Speak.
- ii. Turn on the shortcut to activate the feature when needed.
- iii. Open an email (in Gmail or another app) and tap text to have it read aloud.
- iv. Optionally, enable Read in background so it continues reading as you switch apps.

#### b. “Reading Mode” App

Some Android phones support or can install a Reading Mode app:

- i. Download *Reading Mode* from Google Play (or use your phone’s built-in “Reader Mode”).
- ii. Enable the shortcut in Accessibility Settings.
- iii. Open an email, activate Reading Mode, and press Play.
- iv. Works best with plain text emails (not heavy formatting or images).

### 4. Third-party Apps: “Speaking Email” etc.

If built-in features don’t meet your needs, try apps designed specifically for email narration:

- a. [Speaking Email](#) (iOS & Android): Reads messages clearly, removes clutter (like signatures or disclaimers), and supports hands-free controls (reply, delete, flag).
- b. [@Voice Aloud Reader](#) (Android): Reads highlighted or selected text from apps and webpages.