

New Aphasia-Friendly Features on Apple Products

Apple's accessibility features may greatly benefit people with aphasia. While they usually announce new features at their big conference in June, they have already announced new features coming to Apple devices. Many of these features are also on Android devices.



[New Aphasia-Friendly Features Coming to Apple Products - The National Aphasia Association](https://www.apple.com/accessibility/)

Explore <https://www.apple.com/accessibility/> to find additional features, but some that benefit the aphasia community:

Assistive Access

This new feature simplifies apps to make it easier for people to use their mobile devices.

Live Speech

This is a very exciting tool for people with aphasia. "Live Speech is another new feature which works on the iPhone, iPad, and Mac, allowing users to type what they want to say and have it spoken out loud during phone calls and FaceTime calls, as well as in-person conversations."

Voice Control

Adds phonetic suggestions for text editing, allowing users who type with their voice to choose the right word out more easily of several similar-sounding words.

Siri Speed

You can slow down the speaking rate for the personal assistant, Siri. Siri can read anything on the screen back to you, do internet searches, or help you send a message or make a call.

Personal Voice

Finally, for people with PPA, a new feature allows a person to record their voice so they can use the recordings to speak for them in the future.

Live Captions

You can have someone speak near your phone, and it will print their words on your device screen. This is an excellent tool if you like to hear and read simultaneously for better understanding.

FaceTime

When you cannot be together in the same room, host a video call so you can see a person while they speak and receive visual cues to aid communication.

Sensory Alerts

Set reminders and have your device gently vibrate to remind you to do something. You can also set up your device for your screen to flash when you have a reminder. You can set up recurring reminders for things you need to remember every day or special one-time reminders.

Voice Control

You can control your device with your voice if you cannot use your hands.

Speak Screen

Have your device read everything on the screen to you. You can read along or use this to hear the words if you have trouble reading.