

Speech-to-Text Apps for IOS Users

Speech-to-text apps are designed to transcribe spoken words into written text on a computer or mobile device. This article gives an overview of some of our favorite free IOS speech-to-text apps.

For face-to-face conversations:

Live Caption



Live caption is simple and easy to use, offering live voice speech-to-text transcription without the extra bells and whistles. It is also supported off-line.

- Offers:
 - Face-to-face speech-to-text transcriptions in real-time, available in English, French, Spanish, Japanese, and Sanskrit
 - Compatible with most Bluetooth headsets and microphones for hands-free or if the speaker is farther away
 - Can be used without connection to Wifi or data
- Works best for:
 - Face-to-face conversations with one speaker (not designed for use with phone calls or other audio)
- Requires:
 - iOS 10.0 or later, compatible with iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch
- Cost:
 - Free, but can subscribe for full-screen and uninterrupted version at \$2.99/month
- For more information or to download the app, visit:
<http://www.livecaptionapp.com/>



Connect by BeWarned

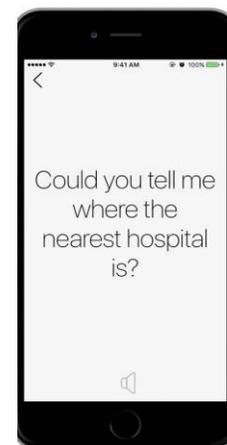


Like LiveCaption, Connect by BeWarned offers live voice speech-to-text transcription but has the added option of voicing text that you type.

- Offers:
 - Face-to-face speech-to-text transcriptions in real-time, available in English, Spanish, Russian, and Ukrainian
 - Option to type text or select a template to voice the text you wish to say (useful for Deaf users, voice disorders, etc.)
- Works best for:
 - Face-to-face conversations with one speaker (not designed for use with phone calls or other audio)
- Requires:
 - iOS 8.0 or later, compatible with iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch
 - Connection to Wifi or 3G/4G/5G data
- Cost:
 - Free
- For more information or to download the app, visit: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/connect-by-bewarned-app-for-deaf-and-hoh/id1197362458>



Convert speech to text



Convert text to speech

For face-to-face conversations, translation, and audio recordings:

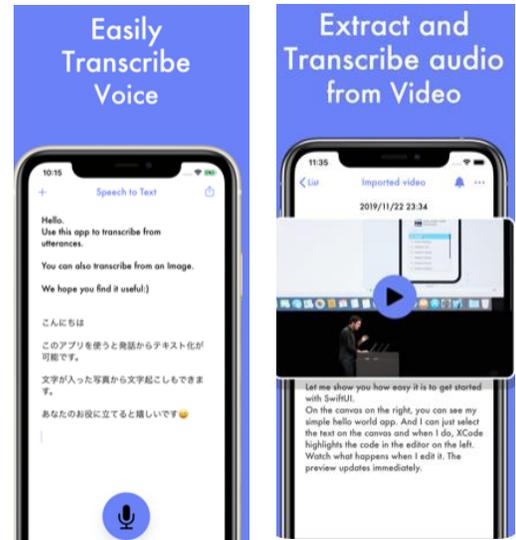
[Texter – Live Transcribe](#)



Texter – Live Transcribe is a more comprehensive app, offering live-voice speech-to-text transcription and translation, as well as transcription of audio from uploaded videos and sound clips.

- Offers:
 - Face-to-face speech-to-text transcriptions in real-time, available in all languages supported by iOS, which can be saved as notes and recordings
 - Real-time translation

- Can upload videos or sound clips for audio extraction and transcription
- Image to text conversion
- Can be used without connection to Wifi or data
- Works best for:
 - Face-to-face conversations
 - Transcription of recorded audio from videos or sound clips
- Requires:
 - iOS 13.0, compatible with iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, and apple watch (need watchOS 6.0)
- Cost:
 - Free
 - Premium option is \$5.99/month or \$36.99/year and includes: unlimited real-time transcription translation; unlimited text recognition in images; no ads
- For more information or to download the app, visit:
 - <https://apps.apple.com/my/app/texter-live-transcribe/id1482592304>



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For face-to-face and remote meetings:



Ava offers live-voice and remote speech-to-text transcription for one or more speakers, hence works well for meetings.

- Offers:
 - Face-to-face and remote speech-to-text transcriptions in real-time in English and multiple other languages
 - For groups situations you can invite others to the conversation – each person uses the Ava app on their own phone and the microphone picks up and transcribes the speech so that everyone in the conversation can read it in the app
 - Speakers can use a Bluetooth microphone (e.g. a clip-on lapel microphone) for hands-free or if they are standing farther away (e.g. lectures)
 - Can use an audio cable to connect to a computer for use during conference calls or for transcribing other audio
- Works best for:
 - Face-to-face conversations with one or more speakers
 - Transcribing phone calls or other audio through another device (e.g. a laptop or computer)
- Requires:
 - IOS 9.0 or later, compatible with iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch
 - Connection to Wifi or 3G/4G/5G data
 - If using for phone calls or other audio, the device with the app must be connected to the device with the audio through an analog cable
 - Sign up for an account or log-in with Facebook or Google
- Cost:
 - Free version: 5 hours of caption time per month
 - Pay \$4.98 for an additional 5 hours
 - Premium version is \$14.98/month and includes unlimited captioning time and higher accuracy
- For more information or to download the app, visit: <https://www.ava.me/>

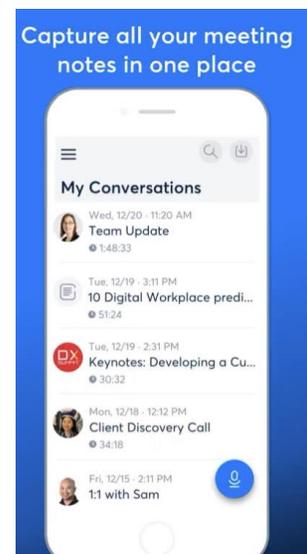
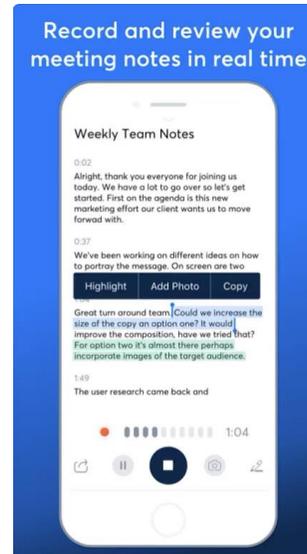


Otter.ai



Like Ava, Otter.ai offers live-voice and remote speech-to-text transcription for one or more speakers and can be synched with a Zoom account.

- Offers:
 - Face-to-face speech-to-text transcriptions in real-time
 - Live automated meeting notes for Zoom, Google Meet, Microsoft Teams, and more that can be shared with the rest of the team
 - Can sync with Zoom account to transcribe cloud recordings
 - Transcriptions can be saved along with the audio recording as notes, edited, and organized into folders
 - Can input custom vocabulary (5 free words with the basic plan)
- Works best for:
 - Face-to-face conversations
 - Meetings held remotely through Zoom, Google Meet, etc.
- Requires:
 - IOS 10.0 or later, compatible with iPhone and iPad
 - Connection to Wifi or 3G/4G/5G data
- Cost:
 - Free version: 600 minutes of free transcription per month and 5 custom vocabulary words
 - Premium costs \$12.99/month or \$134.99/year and includes 6000 minutes of transcription per month and 200 custom vocabulary words
 - See website for information about Teams and Enterprise upgrades for more features
- For more information or to download the app, visit: <https://otter.ai/login>



For phone calls:

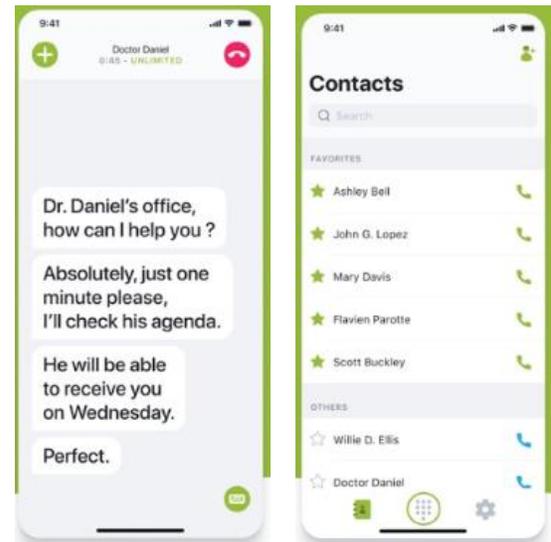
[Phonak myCall to Text](#)



Phonak myCall to Text is relatively easy to use and great for transcribing audio from phone calls into text.

- Offers:

- Speech-to-text transcriptions in real-time during phone calls, available in English and more than 80 other languages
- Unlimited app-to-app phone calls (i.e. both parties have the app and are using it for the call)
- A 1 hour trial of outgoing local calls when the other person does not have the app (upgrade to subscription for more minutes)
- Can be used with Bluetooth headsets or Bluetooth-compatible hearing aids for hands-free
- Works best for:
 - Conversations over the phone
- Requires:
 - IOS 10.3 or later, compatible with iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch
 - Active phone subscription
 - Connection to Wifi or 3G/4G/5G data
- If using the free version, both people need to have the app
- Cost:
 - Free version: unlimited app-to-app phone calls
 - Basic subscription is \$7.99/month and includes: unlimited app-to-app calls; 1 hour per month national outgoing calls; unlimited incoming calls
 - Pro subscription is \$39.99/month and includes: unlimited app-to-app calls; unlimited national outgoing calls; unlimited incoming calls; 1 hour free of outgoing international calls
- For more information or to download the app, visit:
 - <https://apps.apple.com/app/mycall-to-text/id1413439369>



Looking for more?

For a comprehensive list of speech-to-text and other accessibility apps for IOS and Android users, visit this link compiled by Deaf Audiologist, Tina Childress:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jBcMgGGKgUY2myJz8749lIZIWFwjlxBUjcy35SnahPo/edit#gid=13>

Please note that while we do our best to stay current, the information provided about these apps is subject to change as apps are updated and new apps are developed. For the most up-to-date results, try searching for apps using key words like 'speech-to-text', 'transcribe', and 'caption'.