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If you multitask and have hands full of work, you can make Siri read whatever text is on your screen aloud. It's like turning your iPhone, iPad, or Mac into your personal storyteller. In this guide, I have shared how to get Siri to read text, web pages, articles, emails, etc., in iOS 17 and macOS Sonoma.



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How to make Siri read webpage on iPhone

With iOS 17, you don't have to go through those lengthy articles straining your eyes or squinting at the screen. Just make Siri read the mobile webpage. However, note that you must open the website using Safari. It will not work in other browsers like Chrome.

Also, check if the website supports Reader View mode. When you open the website, you

must momentarily see a **Reader Available** label in the address bar. If you miss that, don't worry! Tap the **aA icon** beside the address bar and try accessing the **Show Reader** option.

If the website satisfies the conditions above, here's how you can make Siri read text on web pages.

Method 1: Listen to web pages using Siri command

- 1. Launch the **Safari app** on your iPhone \rightarrow Open the **article** you want to listen to.
- 2. Invoke Siri and say, "Read this article to me."
- 3. Siri will start reading the text aloud. You will see a **media player** on top of your screen and your Lock Screen.
 - To stop listening: Tap the play/pause button on the media control.



 \circ You may also stop the session by going to the **speaker icon** beside the address

$bar \rightarrow Select \ \textbf{Listening Controls} \rightarrow \textbf{End Listening}.$



- To re-listen to the article: Tap the \mathbf{aA} icon \rightarrow Select Resume Listening.
- **To skip sentences:** Select the **plus button** to jump to the following sentence or the **minus sign** to return to the previous line.

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• **Listen on other devices:** Tap the **AirPlay icon** \rightarrow Choose the **device** where you want to listen to the article.



• **Control volume:** Drag the **volume slider** on the media control to increase or decrease the audio sound.

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• **To change reading speed:** Tap the **speaker icon** beside the address bar \rightarrow Select **Listening Controls** \rightarrow **Speaking rate** \rightarrow Choose the **pace**.



That's how you can make Siri read mobile web pages hands-free. However, there's an alternative method.

Method 2: Use the Safari menu

- 1. Open the **article** \rightarrow Tap the **aA icon** beside the address bar.
- 2. Select Listen to Page.



- 3. Now, Siri will start reading the article.
- 4. To get the media controls, tap the **loudspeaker icon** beside the address bar \rightarrow Select **Listening Controls**.

Not only web pages or articles, but you can also make Siri read the text in Notes, email content, text messages, etc. Keep reading to learn how.

How to get Siri to read any text on iPhone or iPad

- 1. Go to **Settings**.
- 2. Tap Accessibility → Spoken Content.



- 3. Here, you will get several options:
 - **Speak Selection**: Enabling it will show you a **Speak** option after selecting a text section.

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- **Speak Screen**: This option makes Siri read everything on your screen. You just need to swipe with two fingers from top to bottom.
- Speech Controller: Toggling on the Speak Screen will give you the option of Speech Controller. On enabling it, a square black icon will pop up. It provides quick access to Speak Screen and Speak on Touch features. You can further customize actions for long-press and double-tap.



• **Highlight Content**: Enabling this allows you to observe the words as Siri reads them. You may choose your preferred highlight **type**, **style**, and **colors**. This feature comes in handy while reviewing some documents on your iPhone.



• **Typing Feedback**: Enabling this provides voice feedback as you type. You can enable Siri to read out the characters, words, auto-corrections, or predictions while typing something.

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• Voices: Select a different voice and language for narration.

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		Greek	Melina >
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	- &	Hungarian	Mariska >
		Indonesian	Damayanti >

- **Speaking Rate**: You can also adjust the narration speed using the **Speaking Rate** slider.
- **Pronunciation**: If Siri mispronounces, you can add its correct <u>pronunciation</u> here.
- 4. Now, summon **Siri** \rightarrow Say, "*Speak Screen*" to let Siri read everything on your screen.

This is how you can make Siri read every text on your iPhone and iPad. If you're interested in setting Siri to read incoming messages in a different language, follow <u>these steps</u> to

customize your experience.

How to make Siri read aloud on Mac

- 1. Go to Apple logo \rightarrow System Settings.
- 2. Select Accessibility \rightarrow Spoken Content.



3. Toggle on **Speak selection**.



- 4. Click the **info button** \rightarrow Customize the **options** as per your preference.
 - **Keyboard Shortcut:** The default shortcut to make Siri read the selected text is **Option** (\mathcal{N}) + **Esc.** However, you can change the shortcut by pressing the keys you want. For example, press the **Option** (\mathcal{N}) and **R** to set the keyboard shortcut as Option (\mathcal{N}) +R.
 - **Highlight Content:** Like the iPhone, you can choose the highlight style, colors, and content. Alternatively, you may also select **None** to disable Highlight content.
 - **Show Controller:** You can choose the controller to be shown always or never.
- 5. Click **OK** to save your choices.

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Sentence style	 Underline 	Background colour
Show controller		Automatically 😂

- 6. Open the **article** on Safari \rightarrow Select the **text** \rightarrow Press the **keyboard shortcut**.
- 7. It will get MacBook to read text aloud. Also, you will see a **media controller** on your screen.

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- **To stop listening:** Click the **play button** to pause the reading. Otherwise, select the **square stop button** to end the session.
- **To skip content:** Click the **forward button** to jump to the next sentence or select the **backward button** to listen to the previous sentence again.
- 8. Click the **X icon** to remove the media controller.

Alternatively, you may summon Siri and say Speak Screen to get Siri to read text offline or online on Mac.

Enjoy free audiobooks!

I love reading stories and blogs online, but extended screen time creates eye fatigue. Therefore, this accessibility feature is my daily companion. You can get Siri to read text, webpage, emails, etc., on your iPhone, iPad, and Mac and turn any text story into an audiobook. So, what do you think about this hack? Let me know in the comments below!

FAQs

How to make Siri talk?

You can make Siri talk by enabling the Spoken Content accessibility feature.

What type of Web page is Siri's Apple voice recognition?

Text-rich websites or blogs like iGeeksBlog mostly support Siri's Apple voice recognition. To determine this, check if you can enable Reader View mode on the website.

Can Siri read a PDF?

Yes, you can make Siri read the text in any PDF using the accessibility feature.

Explore more...

- How to use Siri on iPhone or iPad
- How to enable Type to Siri on Mac
- <u>How to announce messages with Siri on AirPods or Beats</u>
- How to use Type to Siri on iPhone, iPad and Mac (Apple Intelligence)