Key Takeaways

- The Personal Voice feature on iPhone lets you create a synthetic voice that sounds like your own.
- The created synthetic voice then allows you to type out phases and have them spoken aloud in your own voice.
- To set up Personal Voice on your iPhone, go to Settings > Accessibility > Personal Voice > Create a Personal Voice.

Apple is known for offering a wide array of accessibility features on iPhone, iPad, Mac, and even the Apple Watch to improve the usability of these devices. Continuing with this approach, Apple has added a new accessibility feature to iOS 17 called Personal Voice. It lets you create a copy of your voice that can be used to narrate phrases you type on your iPhone.



In this article, I will explain how to set up and use Personal Voice on your iPhone running iOS 17 and up.

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# What is Personal Voice on iPhone?

Personal Voice is a new accessibility feature on iPhone that allows users to create a digital copy of their voice that sounds just like them. This feature uses on-device machine learning to analyze your voice from 15 minutes of recorded audio clips and generates a custom voice model on your iPhone.



Once you create your voice model using Personal Voice, you can use Live Text to type out or select predefined phrases to have them spoken out loud in your voice during phone calls, FaceTime calls, or in-person conversations.

<u>According to Apple</u>, Personal Voice can help those who suffer from ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) or other such conditions that can impact their ability to speak, preserve their voice, and communicate easily.

If you want to set up Personal Voice on your iPhone, you will need to record 15 minutes of your voice and wait for your iPhone to generate a voice model from the recorded audio. Here are the steps you can follow to set it up.

## How to set up Personal Voice on iPhone

- 1. Go to the **Settings** app  $\rightarrow$  Choose Accessibility.
- 2. Scroll down and select Personal Voice.
- 3. Tap Create a Personal Voice.



- 4. Tap **Continue**  $\rightarrow$  Once again, select **Continue** when prompted.
- 5. Now, give your voice a **name**  $\rightarrow$  Hit **Continue**.

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- 6. Tap the **Record** icon and **narrate** the phrases as they appear.
- 7. Wait for the recording to end, or tap the **Stop** icon.
- 8. Tap Listen to hear your recorded audio.
- 9. If your background is noisy, you'll be notified. You can move to a quiet location and tap **Check Again** or tap **Continue** to keep recording.



- 10. Once you complete the sound check, you'll have to complete a 15-minute voice-over session narrating the lines as they appear.
- 11. Tap **Preview** to understand how the line sounds.
- 12. Then, tap **Record** when you're ready. You'll see "Moving to the next phrase" prompt as you proceed.
- 13. If you wish to record a particular phrase again, tap **Replay**.
- 14. If you want to record these phrases afterward, tap **Done**. Don't worry; you can continue recording from where you left off.



- 15. Once you finish recording, tap **Continue**.
- 16. Then **Allow** notification access and tap **Done**.



If you wish to delete a session of Personal Voice and start from scratch, select your voice model  $\rightarrow$ . Enter your iPhone's passcode and tap Delete Voice  $\rightarrow$  Delete Voice and **Recordings**.

After you complete the initial setup, your iPhone will automatically generate your Personal Voice while it charges and the screen is turned off. You will also receive a notification once your Personal Voice is ready to use.

Currently, the only way to use Personal Voice on iPhone is through another new accessibility feature called Live Speech. With Live Speech, you can type what you want to say on your iPhone and have it narrated using your Personal Voice. Here's how it works!

## How to use Personal Voice on iPhone

- 1. Go to **Settings**  $\rightarrow$  **Accessibility**.
- 2. Scroll down and tap **Live Speech**  $\rightarrow$  Toggle on **Live Speech**.

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- 3. Select **Favorite Phrases**  $\rightarrow$  Tap the **Plus icon**.
- 4. Type a phrase of your choice and tap Save.



- 5. Go to the previous page and tap the **option under the VOICES label**.
- 6. Tap **Personal Voice** and choose the one we generated earlier.

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- 7. Now, whenever you want a phrase narrated in your voice, **triple-press the power button** to access Live Speech.
- 8. **Type in a phrase** you want to be spoken and tap **Send**. Or you can tap on **Phrases** and choose a **Favorite Phrase**.



#### Wrapping up...

All things considered, Personal Voice is a very useful <u>accessibility feature built into iOS 17</u> that can help people with degenerative speech disorders communicate effectively. Besides that, you can also use Personal Voice to preserve the voice of your loved ones when they are no longer with you.

I hope you find this guide helpful. However, if you have any further queries or suggestions, feel free to leave them in the comments section below.

#### FAQs

#### How long does it take to generate a Personal Voice on iPhone?

Recording the audio clips required to generate your voice model takes exactly 15 minutes.

In comparison, analyzing and generating the voice model can take about two days of overnight charging (or 24 hours in one go).

#### Can I use my Personal Voice profile on multiple devices with iCloud?

You can use your Personal Voice on all supported iPhone, iPad, or Mac connected with iCloud. However, you must go to **Settings**  $\rightarrow$  **Accessibility**  $\rightarrow$  **Personal Voice** and enable **Share Across Devices**.

#### Can Apple access my Personal Voice data?

No, Apple cannot access your Personal Voice data in any way. Personal Voice only uses ondevice machine learning that's supported by the Neural Engine to analyze and generate your voice model.

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