Voice Dream Reader

It is a text-to-speech (TTS) and eReader app that converts text into spoken words, offering features such as customisable voices, speech rate and synchronised text highlighting for better comprehension.
Link: https://www.voicedream.com/

Target Audience

- Youth workers, educators, and trainers: preparing accessible materials and using them as a direct tool to work with young people.
- Youth: young people with SLD, especially Dyslexia, and youth with disadvantages or minority backgrounds as a general reading support.

Benefits of this tool

- Enhances reading accessibility and inclusion, turning written text into speech, reducing efforts to decode text, and helping to stay more focused, comfortable, and included in the learning process.
- Boost digital confidence and independence by letting users adjust reading speed. This empowers them to learn and build digital confidence.

When is it useful?

- Useful when young people have difficulties reading written materials and need audio support to improve comprehension, maintain focus and work independently.

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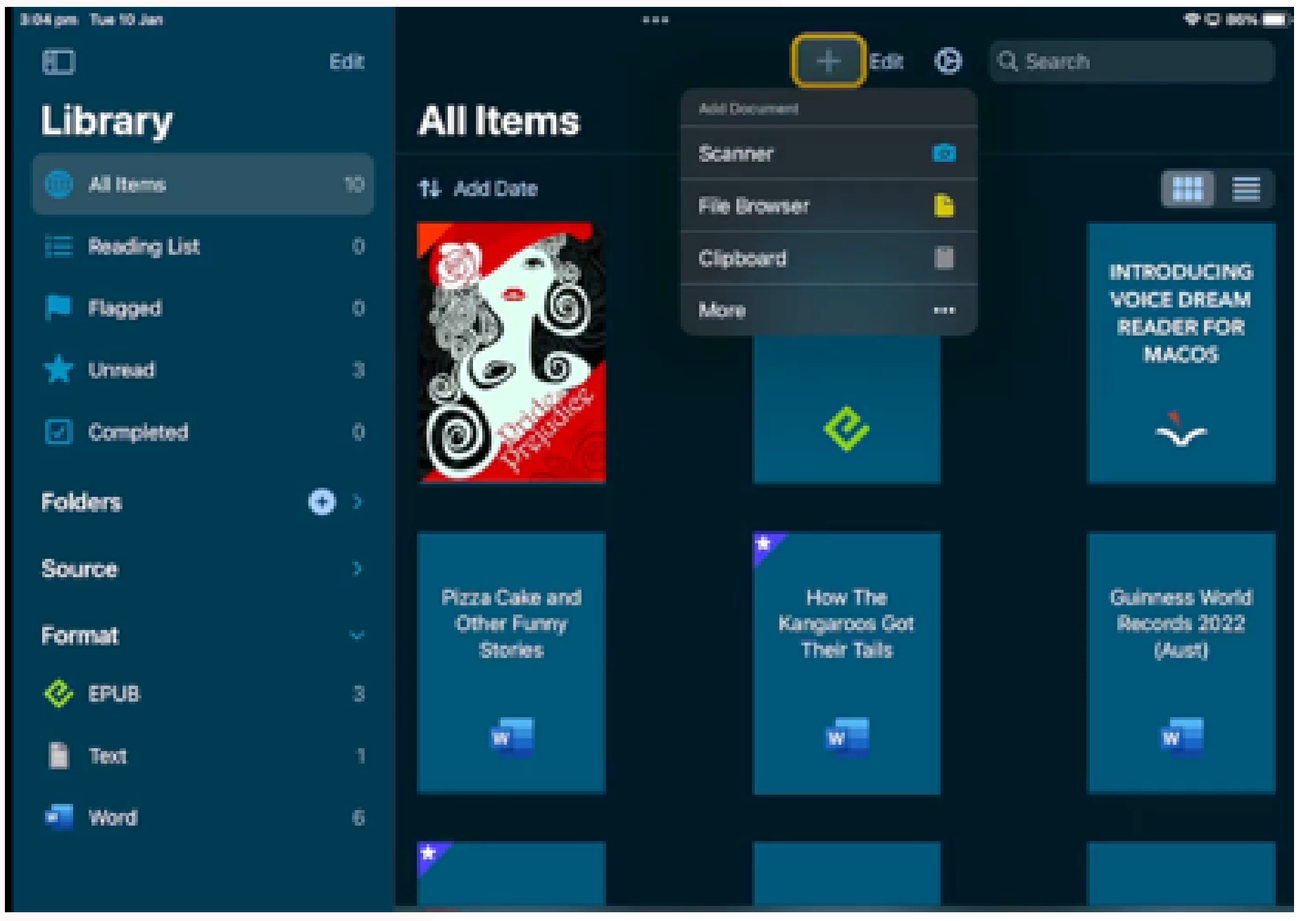
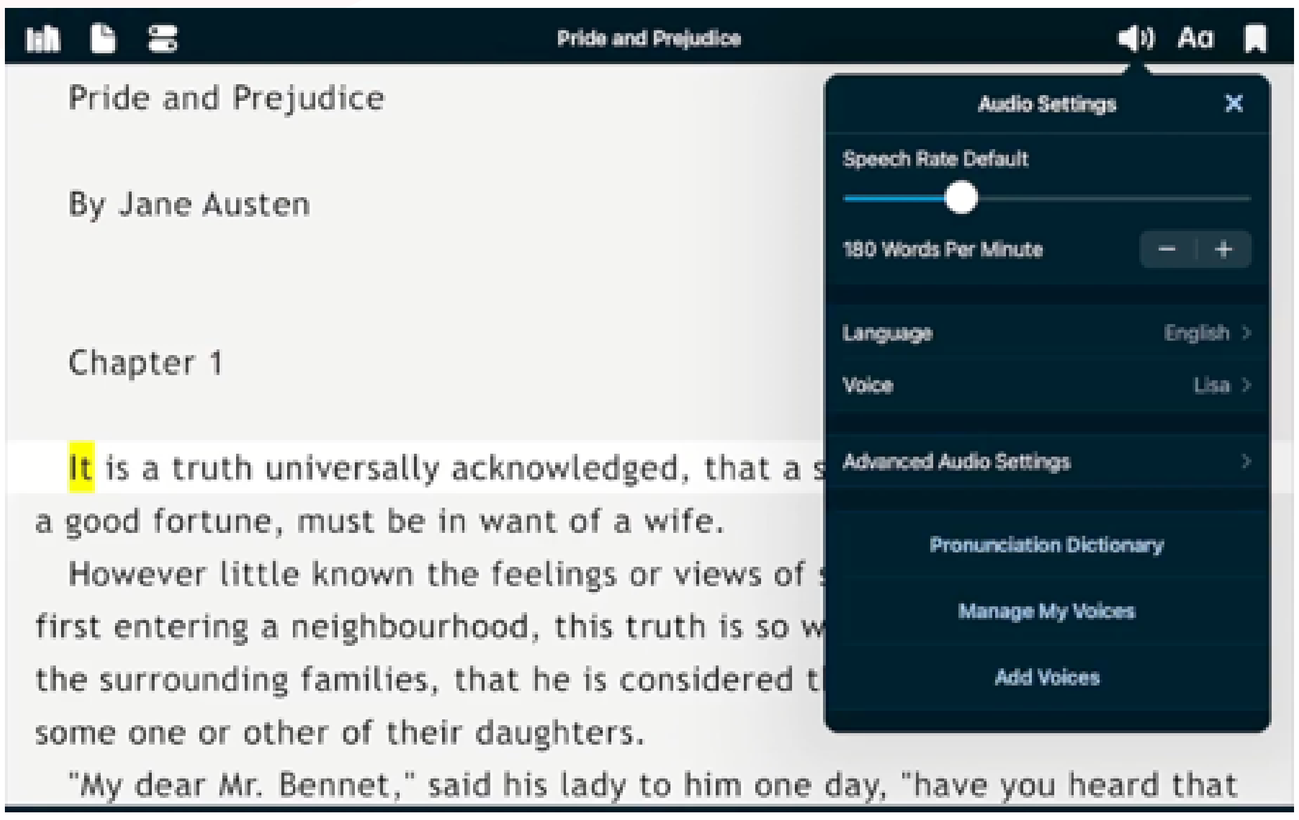
How to Use with Youth

1. **Import Content:** Tap the "+" icon and select a document (PDF, web, etc.) from Google Drive or your clipboard.
2. **Choose Voice & Speed:** Open the file. Go to settings to choose a clear voice and adjust the speed (WPM) to a comfortable pace.
3. **Adjust Display:** (Optional) Change the font (e.g., to a dyslexia-friendly one) and background colour to reduce visual strain.
4. **Play & Follow:** Press Play. The app will read aloud, highlighting each word as it progresses.
5. **Highlight & Annotate:** Tap and hold the text to highlight key ideas or add notes.





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Practical example

A young person opens a PDF from a class in Voice Dream Reader and listens to it read aloud while following the text. They adjust the speed and record the main ideas independently. When they don't understand, they can go back and repeat or stop to take notes.

Additional Considerations

- **Multilingual support:** English available.
- **Cost considerations:** it's a paid app, with a 7-day trial for 1 USD.
- **Technical requirements:** Google and Apple app Store; Offline mode; a wide range file formats; integration with cloud services (Dropbox, Drive, iCloud).

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