

Using Bluebee Pals with Voice Recording and Text-To-Speech Apps

Bluebee Pals are extremely versatile and effective educational assistive technology tools that can be utilized to support individualized instruction in virtually any subject area! They make great teacher's assistants and promote active and engaged learning. They can be used one-on-one or in a small group setting. In addition to being used with any apps containing a narrative, they can also be used with **voice recording** and **text-to-speech** apps and tailored to meet specific student or classroom educational needs.

Voice Recording apps: Students can't get enough of hearing their own (and their teacher's) recorded voices and this is an instant attention getter! These apps allow you to record, save, and immediately playback your own recordings in your own (or a student's) voice. Bluebee can playback adult voice recordings of a favorite book, story, or song in a child's own regional dialect, or recordings produced by a child. Bluebee can "speak" in a student's voice to give the student auditory feedback on how he/she sounds.

Some suggestions-

Voice Memos by Apple. Quickly and easily record vocabulary words for Bluebee to say and for students to practice repeating. Let your students record their words, sentences, or stories, too! Matching game: Record nouns for Bluebee and give students picture or word flashcards to choose the correct match for the word that was said. Use the recorder app to have Bluebee give instructions or ask questions. Use the recorder to have students sequence events, answer questions, or retell a story. <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/voice-memos/id1069512134>

My Story School eBook Maker by MY STORY, LLC. Create and share ebooks and movies using your own voice, drawings, stickers, and photos! <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/my-story-school-ebook-maker/id449232368>

Book Creator for iPad by Red Jumper Limited. Easily create your own books! Add music, narration, video, text! Share with family and friends. <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/book-creator-for-ipad/id442378070>

Little Bird Tales Storytelling by Mike Klem. Create your own unique stories, podcasts, presentations and journals. Students can download lessons from their teacher and send them back when completed. There is an art pad for illustrations, and it records in your own voice and adds text to each page. Great for custom lessons, Common Core aligned lessons, writing assignments, book reports, poetry, journals, and more. <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/little-bird-tales-storytelling/id517996494>

Articulation Station Pro by Little Bee Speech is an example of an app for articulation (sound production) remediation that records student responses for auditory feedback and practice. <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/articulation-station-pro/id491998279>

***In addition to these, many storybook, articulation, language development and educational apps contain a recording feature. Be on the lookout for it!

Text-to-Speech apps: These apps let your students *interact in real time* with your Bluebee Pal as you type in text for your Bluebee to speak! They offer so much versatility and control of your lessons as Bluebee Pals “speak” to your students as you are working with them. You can program your Bluebee Pal to say anything you want him to say as you type in the text. Ask and answer questions or carry-on a real life conversation! Make up your own stories or type in the text of books for your Bluebee Pal to read. Book discussions: Have Bluebee read a book out loud. Then, type in questions for Bluebee to ask the students. Have Bluebee help practice vocabulary and comprehension skills by typing in words or definitions, questions, or even tests for him to say aloud. With Bluebee Pals and Text-to-Speech apps, students can quickly and easily work on syntax, semantics, pragmatics, social skills, math, language, social studies, science, and other curriculum skills....anything you want!

Some suggestions-

Talk For Me - Text to Speech by Darrin Altman

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/talk-for-me-text-to-speech/id975096888>

Text to Speech (TTS) <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/text-to-speech-tts/id1183892228>

Text to Speech! <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/text-to-speech/id712104788>

iSpeech Text to Speech <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/ispeak-text-to-speech/id1101193022>

Speak4Me-Text to Speech <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/speak4me-text-to-speech/id894460403>