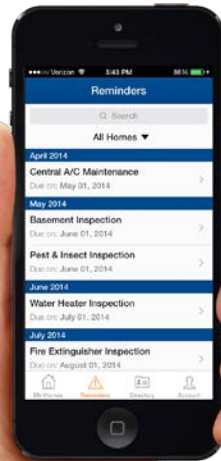


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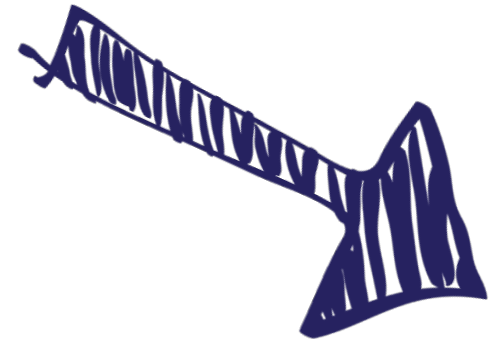



Do you know all the  
functions that hide in  
your phone?



**Don't know the answer  
straight away?**

**Take a look and explore what's  
really hiding in your iOS device  
and how it can help you to  
enhance your everyday learning!**




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**Do you have any difficulty  
seeing what is on your  
screen?**

**iOS Voice Over** helps you to navigate a Multi-Touch screen – even if you can't see it. Touch the screen to hear what is under your finger, then use gestures to control your device.

**Settings > General > Accessibility > Voice Over > ON**

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**Do you have a hard time  
reading the text on your iOS  
device?**

**iOS Speak Screen** can read your emails, iMessages, web pages and books to you. Turn on Speak Screen and Swipe down from the top of the screen with two fingers to hear the content on the screen.


**Settings > General > Accessibility > Speech > Speak Screen > ON**

Are you struggling  
with typing on your  
keyboard?

**iOS Dictation** lets you say what you would like to type.

All you need to do is to tap the microphone button on the keyboard then say what you want to write and your iOS device will convert your words (and numbers or characters) into text.





Struggling to  
concentrate due to  
cluttered web  
pages?

Visual strain from  
looking at your  
screen?

**iOS Safari Reader** reduces the visual clutter on a web page by removing distractions. It strips away ads, buttons and navigation bars, allowing you to focus on important content only.

Open **Safari** and tap on the **Reader** button.

**iOS Font Adjustments** enables you to convert the text inside a range of apps to a larger, easier-to-read size. You can also choose bold text to make the text heavier and even more clear.

**Settings > Display & Brightness > Text Size/Bold > Drag the slider**



**iOS Invert Colours and Grayscale** lets you invert the colours or enable grayscale on your screen. Once you set the filter the settings apply system wide, even to video.

**Settings > General > Accessibility > Invert Colours > ON**

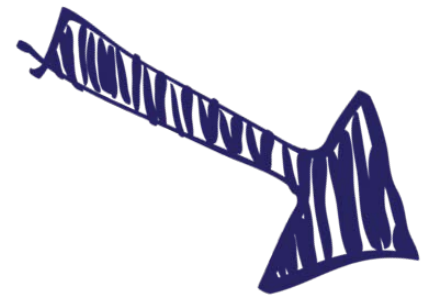
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more about free (or  
inexpensive) apps that  
can improve your...



... Notetaking?

... Reading (text  
to speech)?

... Study Skills?



# ...Notetaking



**AUDIONOTE** allows you to tap a button and record audio notes while simultaneously drawing or typing notes. You can pause and edit audio notes, save them to Dropbox or iCloud, highlight important key words, and input presentation slides for annotation.



(£4.90)



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Link to download:

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.luminant.audionote&hl=en\\_GB](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.luminant.audionote&hl=en_GB)



**NOTABILITY** lets you to take notes, sketch ideas, annotate PDFs, mark-up photos, record lectures, provide audio feedback and more. A great variety of annotation tools will help you to annotate your notes according to your own scheme.



(£5.99)



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Link to download:

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/notability/id360593530?mt=8>



**DRAGON DICTATION** is a relatively accurate and fast app that transcribes whatever you say into speech.



FREE



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Link to download:

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/dragon-dictation/id341446764?mt=8>



# ...Reading (text to speech)



**ClaroSpeak+** lets you to type into the app and have the text read back to you. You can also import documents into ClaroSpeak from various different apps and document formats.



(£2.99)



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Link to download:

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/clarospeak-uk/id520487394?mt=8>



**vBOOKZ** is an app that reads your PDF files aloud. vBookz Voice Reader adds orientation and navigation tools that enhances your reading experience. It also allows you to follow along, pause reading or even repeat lines.



(£3.98)



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**SPEAK IT!** allows you to simply enter text you want read, press the “Speak it!” button and the app will read the text back to you. It also highlights words as they are being spoken.



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**Accessing  
resources...**

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**Referencing...**

**Planning...**

**... Study Skills?**



# Accessing resources...



**BLACKBOARD APP** allows you to access specific course material away from desktops. You can also view your grades, post to discussions and read announcements.



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<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/blackboard-mobile-learn/id376413870?mt=8>



**EduApps** consists of eight useful software collections that cover a range of user requirements to support your learning. You can choose from – AccessApps, TeachApps, LearnApps, MyStudyBar, MyVisBar, MyAccess, Create & Convert, WordBar.



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# Reading...



## GOOGLE CHROME: Headings

**Map** generates an index or map of any web document structured using headers. It also shows the structure of sections of the document according to the HTML5 outline.



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Link to download:

<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/headingsmap/flbjommegcjonpdmenkdioclhjacmbi?hl=en>



## MICROSOFT WORD: Navigation

**Pane** is a separate display (in a form of a left – sided pane) that can help you to navigate through a long Word document and access different parts of it. This function is a brilliant tool of skim reading a document.



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Microsoft Word > View > Show > Navigation Pane

# Referencing...



**REFME** allows you to scan book or journal barcodes using your phone's camera to generate citations in just a few seconds. If you can't find a barcode search by Book/Article Title, ISBN, ISSN, DOI or URL and if you are citing a website, simply paste in the URL.



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# Planning...



**POMODORO APP** is a powerful personal productivity tool incorporating the principles of the Pomodoro Technique - a systematic approach to getting things done that helps achieve set goals faster and more efficiently. You can create tasks, configure breaks and track your progress throughout the day, week or a custom period.



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<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/pomodoro-time-focus-timer/id973134470?mt=12>



**XMind** is a mind mapping and brainstorming software which can capture your ideas, clarify thinking and manage complex information. It supports mind maps, fishbone diagrams, tree diagrams, organization charts, spreadsheets, etc.



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