



Mobile apps to aid Communication Access for Individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing and DeafBlind

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Personal Sound Amplification Apps [key word search: sound amplifier, sound amplification or amplification]

- Sound Amplifier ([Android](#)) ([iOS](#))
- Hearing Amplifier: Clear Sound by ZipoApps ([iOS](#)). Can be used on iPhone and iPad
- [Apple's Live Listen](#) works with Apple AirPods, made for iPhone headphones, and certain hearing aids or cochlear implants.

Personal sound amplifiers – which are different than personal amplification apps – are devices specifically designed for amplifying sound for people with hearing loss.

Speech-to-Text Apps [key word search: speech-to-text or voice to text]

- [Google Live Transcribe](#) ([Android](#)) (User can type response, Available in many languages)
- [Microsoft Translator](#) (This app allows user to use either type or speak in any language)([iOS](#), [Android](#), [Windows](#))
- [Otter.ai](#) ([iOS](#), [Android](#)) (Limitations: English only, free for 300 minutes, conversations limited to 30 minutes)
- Big Note ([iOS](#), [Android](#)) (Can use as speech-to-text or text-to-speech, large font sizes)
- [Apple Live Captions](#) ([iOS](#)) (Can use as speech-to-text)

Typing Notes [search: note taking apps]

- Big Note ([iOS](#), [Android](#))
- Cardzilla ([iOS](#), [Android](#)) (iOS has large font option)
- Google Keep ([iOS](#), [Android](#))
- Notes ([iOS](#) only – has large font option)
- [Make it Big](#) ([iOS](#)) (Has large font option)

