Helpful Smartphone Apps

PHONE CALLS



HAMILTON CAPTEL: Hamilton CapTel for Smartphones provides live captioning for phone calls, so you don't miss a single thing while you're on the go. The captions are similar to the word-for-word captions on a television, and are displayed on your smartphone. Available on Android only.



INNOCAPTION: Innocaption is a free mobile app for people who are Deaf or hard of hearing that provides Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) captioning for incoming and outgoing calls. This app is ideal for people who have a difficult time hearing people on the other end of a phone call. Available on Android and iOS.



CLEARCAPTIONS: You can enjoy captioned mobile calls wherever you go and with ClearCaptions you'll never miss a word. This service is available at no cost to individuals who have a hard time understanding things over the phone because of hearing loss. Available on Android and iOS.



SPRINT IP-RELAY: The Sprint IP-Relay app allows people who are Deaf, hard of hearing, Deafblind, or have a speech disability to connect with a relay operator. Simply type what you want to say to the operator on your device, the operator will relay the message to the person you called, then the operator will type their response for you to read on your screen. Available on Android and iOS.



P3 MOBILE: P3 Mobile is an on-the-go Video Relay Service (VRS) app that makes it easy for individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing to make and receive Video Phone (VP) calls anywhere using a Wi-Fi or cellular data connection. Available on Android and iOS.



SORENSON NTOUCH: Enjoy the best possible video relay experience on your mobile device! With unrivaled features supported by passionate interpreters, the ntouch app provides the power for Sorenson Relay anytime, anywhere — even on the go. Available on Android and iOS.



Z5 MOBILE: With Z5 Mobile, the industry's premierVideo Relay Service (VRS) app, individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing can make and receive video phone calls anywhere using Wi-Fi or a cellular data connection. Available on Android and iOS.

SPEECH-TO-TEXT TRANSITION



AVA: AVA is an app designed to empower people who are Deaf or hard of hearing by allowing them to follow conversations with captioning in real time. The app provides 24/7 real-time captioning on your smartphone. Available on Android and iOS.

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OTTER: Use Ofter to record and take real-time notes during a meeting, so you can focus on the conversation knowing that all the information you need will be available for you in plain text after the meeting ends. Available on Android and iOS.



LIVE TRANSCRIBE: Live Transcribe is an accessibility app designed for individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing and can be used by anyone. Using Google's state-of-the-art automatic speech recognition technology, Live Transcribe performs real-time transcription of speech and sound to text on your screen, so you can more easily participate in conversations going on in the world around you. Available on Android only.

MEETINGS & SOCIAL



ZOOM: Stay connected wherever you go. Start or join a meeting with flawless video, crystal clear audio, instant screen sharing and cross-platform messaging. Available on Android and iOS.



GOOGLE MEET: Simple, frictionless video meetings from Google. Collaborate and develop relationships with your team regardless of where they are in the world. Google Meet also has a speech-to-text captioning option, making it great for people who are Deaf or hard of hearing. Available on Android and iOS.



SKYPE: Skype keeps the world talking. Keep in touch with friends and family with instant messaging, voice or video calls no matter what device you use Skype on. Available on Android and iOS.



FACETIME: Connect with family and friends around the world with FaceTime. Make audio and video calls from your iPhone, iPad, iPod touch or Mac computer. Available on iOS only.



MARCO POLO: Marco Polo combines the best of texting, social media and video chats all in one private, easy to use app. Available on Android and iOS.

TINNITUS APPS



RESOUND TINNITUS RELIEF: The Resound Tinnitus Relief app uses a combination of sounds and relaxing exercises that aim to distract your brain from focusing on the extra background noise caused by tinnitus. Over time the brain will learn to focus less on the sounds caused by tinnitus. Available on Android and iOS.



STARKEY RELAX: Ringing, buzzing, roaring, clicking and hissing are words to describe tinnitus. Tinnitus is the perception of sound in your ears or head when no external sound is present. While there is no cure for tinnitus, treatment options such as sound therapy and counseling can provide relief. Starkey Relax provides sound therapy through your phone to help reduce the impact that tinnitus can have. Available on Android and iOS.

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PHONAK TINNITUS BALANCE: The Phonak Tinnitus Balance app helps you manage your tinnitus, by allowing you to focus more on other sounds. You can select sounds from your SmartPhone's music library or the default sounds in the app to help your brain to focus on those sounds over the sounds caused by tinnitus. You can rate the effectiveness of each sound in achieving its desired effect (soothing, background or interesting) and the overall ratings can be reviewed with your hearing care professional to reach your optimal sound plan. Available on Android and iOS.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING



JACOTI LISTENAPP: Jacoti ListenApp processes the sound around you and helps you cope with difficult listening situations without becoming overwhelmed by the different sounds. This is a software based hearing aid, configured by taking a test with the Jocoti Hearing Center. Available on iOS only.





Be sure to search these topics in the Apple Store or Google Play for other apps that help with hearing loss:

- Decibel meters
- Tinnitus
- Hearing tests
- Hearing enhancement (turning your phone into a personal amplifier)
- Signing language

Helpful cellphone tricks:

- Set your phone to flash when it rings in "Settings" under "Accessibility."
- Capture what people are saying by using the microphone in the Notes app, which will transcribe what is being said mimicking live captioning.

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