

Smartphone Apps That Can Be Helpful to Those with Vision Impairments

BARD mobile

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Be My Eyes & Be My AI

Be My Eyes connects blind or low vision users who want assistance, with volunteers and companies across the world, through live video or with AI.

Live Assistance: Users can initiate video calls with volunteers from over 150 countries in nearly 200 languages.

Be My AI: This AI assistant provides detailed image descriptions and answers follow-up questions in 36 languages, enhancing user independence.

Service Directory: Speak directly to customer support from various companies, like Microsoft and Hilton, to receive specialized assistance with their products and services.

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Aira Explorer

The free Aira app provides on-demand remote visual interpreting for the blind and low vision community to enhance independence. Connect with a trained visual interpreter to accomplish a large number of tasks. Users get a free 5-minute assist every 48 hours or can subscribe for more frequent use.

[Apple iOS](#)

Bookshare

Free app that allows people with print disabilities, blindness, low vision, and physical disabilities to read over one million books in audio, text, or braille. You can read best sellers, educational books, children's books, and more. You need a subscription to Bookshare to download books. If you want to read braille books you will need a refreshable braille display.

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Learning Ally

Free app gets access to human-read audio books from Learning Ally. Subscription is required to download books.

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Lookout

Lookout uses computer vision and generative AI to assist people with low vision or blindness in getting things done faster and more easily. Using your phone's camera, Lookout makes it easier to get more information about the world around you and do daily tasks more efficiently like reading text & documents, sorting mail, putting away groceries, and more. (Android only)

[Android](#)

Seeing AI

This free app narrates the world around you. The app can recognize currency, read text, read product codes, identify faces, and more. Designed with and for the blind and low vision community, this ongoing research project harnesses the power of AI to open up the visual world. The app continues to evolve with AI advances.

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Voice Dream Reader

Free app that works with Voiceover to read aloud these formats PDF, plain text, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, RTF, and Google Docs. Built-in scanner to scan documents. Works with Bookshare books, audio books in Mp3, MP4, or zipped MP3 and EPUB eBooks. (Apple only)

[Apple iOS](#)