

	VOICEKEEPER	ACAPELA	SPEAK UNIQUE	MODEL TALKER	CEREVOICE	Apple voicebanking
EQUIPMENT NEEDED	Laptop and headset OR directly onto Android and IOS Voicekeeper apps.	Laptop/computer and headset	Laptop/computer and headset	Laptop/computer and headset	Computer/laptop and headset	an iPhone, iPad or iMac device
Number of sentences to produce a voice	50 minimum 200 maximum	50 minimum 350 maximum	150 minimum 300 maximum	298	100	150
Can add custom sentences to improve quality and pronunciation	Yes – in addition to the minimum 50	Yes – script of sentences needs to be uploaded BEFORE you start recording.	No	Yes	No	No
Ability to create voice from banked messages only	Yes	Yes	Yes – additional service called Voice Design. At least 5 minutes of speech recordings are needed to generate a successful voice	The audio quality must be very good in the recordings and there must be a sufficient amount recorded to be able to create a good quality voice	Yes, If good quality recordings, but this will cost extra	No
Time to complete voice banking	10 minutes – 1.5 hours	10 -60 minutes	1-3 hours	2 - 4 hours	30 minutes – 1 hour	30 minutes – 1 hour
Auditory prompts to support literacy difficulty	Yes– sentence can be read out loud	Yes - sentence can be read out loud	No - BUT they have a “simple word script” option providing easier, more accessible text to read. In addition, you can choose the script that you read, from varying levels of difficulty	Yes	Yes	No
Ease of use	Easy and intuitive (website preferred over phone application)	Easy and quick to follow the steps	Easy to follow the steps, but takes longer to complete the process	More timely and clunky to complete. Do not recommend if in a rush to complete.	Not trialled by TalkLink clinicians due to cost	Quick and Easy
Preview before purchase	Yes - via website OR 30-day free trial on Voicekeeper IOS app	Yes – can preview on website or Acapela app for 3 months trial	Yes – voice can be ‘tweaked’ upon request if user is not happy with it	Yes –audition process where you get to compare three different versions of your synthetic voice	No	No purchase is required
Length of data storage	5 years	The voice created is stored for a period of one year in our system (legal commitment). On the practical side, this does not necessarily mean that we would delete the material, unless the patient or relatives instruct ACAPELA to do so.	For as long as needed	Indefinitely (you consent to this when you sign up). people also can opt out of storage of their data; in which case their recordings and data are deleted within 30 days of their voice being delivered.	Indefinitely, but users need to pay before they sign up and start recording.	Stored directly to the persons iDevice
Cost (NZ)	1.Free if using PRC- Saltillo apps and devices 2. approx. \$500 one off payment if done through the website 3. Recurring Monthly subscription via the app \$10 USD	1. Ongoing subscription cost \$165 per year 2. One off payment of \$1645	1. \$350 for Voice build, 2. \$450 for Voice repair	\$165 NZ	\$1040	Free
Professionals given access to their own free voice, to show clients the comparisons	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	N/A
Compatible Communication apps and devices	Large range of options. Check website for most recent updates: https://www.thevoicekeeper.com/supported-aac-devices	Large range of options. Check website for most recent updates: https://mov.acapela-group.com/partners-products/products-apps/	Limited options. Check website for most recent updates: https://preview.speakunique.co.uk/using-your-voice/	Check website for most recent updates: https://www.modeltalker.org/which-aac-or-sgd-devices-work-with-my-modeltalker-voice/	All Windows based programs (Grid 3; Communicator 5) Limited range of IOS apps	Not compatible with Windows or Android devices. IOS apps: Proloquo4text, Proloquo2Go, Pictello, Speak for Yourself,
Other Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to do • Website version preferred over phone app if possible • Can choose to read ‘short sentences’ only if fatigue is an issue. • Can make children’s voices • Very quick turn around • User can record up to 2000 sentences if he wants to add in more custom script • ‘almost’ hands free recording • Voice can be installed as system voice on IOS 16 + • Phone app works best with the latest IOS software. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice can be installed as system voice on IOS 16 + • They also provide message banking support • Can create a voice from your previously banked messages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can do voice repair if speech quality has already declined • App includes message banking service • Regular online training sessions for professionals • Can choose the genre and reading difficulty of the script you have to read 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More technical service requiring user to wait for an email before progressing to the next step • ModelTalker is a project of the Nemours Speech Research Laboratory, part of a not-for-profit paediatric healthcare system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice can be installed as system voice on IOS 16 + • Has not been tried or tested by any TalkLink Clinicians 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only works on iPhone 12 or later, iPad Air 5th gen, iPad Pro 3rd gen or later