THERE IS AN APP FOR THAT:



COMMUNICATION APPS FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

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CONSIDER SMARTPHONE AND DESKTOP APPS SUCH AS THESE WHEN YOU ARE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH YOUR HEARING AIDS OR NEED A LITTLE EXTRA HELP.

- **SPEECH-TO-TEXT APPS:** apps that convert verbal conversation into text on your phone, tablet or laptop. The programs usually require an active internet connection to function.
 - » Ava: Types back text of multiple speakers; many languages; (Android & iOS; free for limited time usage)
 - » Google Live Transcribe: Types back; many languages (Android; free)
 - » Microsoft Translator: Can type back; can translate; many languages (Android & iOS; free)
 - » Otter: Voice meeting notes for Zoom, Google Meet, Microsoft Teams and more (Android & iOS; free)
 - » Web Captioner: Many languages, universal web page (desktop; free)
 - » Live Transcribe: (Android; free)
 - » Easy Talk Pro: Allows two Android phones to do speech-to-text simultaneously; (Android; free)
 - » **Hearing Helper:** Includes the ability to scale the text to large sizes for those whose eyesight is poorer (iOS; free)
- **AMPLIFIER APPS:** when your hearing aids are 'dead' or not functioning or out for repair. Use with headphones or earbuds. Apps use the microphone of your phone to pick up sounds around you and increase the volume. Some only increase volume, while others provide an equalizer.
 - » Ear Booster- Better Hearing: Mobile Hearing Aid (Android; free)
 - » BioAid: (iOS; free)
 - » Sound Amplifier: (Android, iOS; free)
 - » Virtual Amp: (Android; free)
 - » EarMachine: (iOS; free)
- **ALERTING APPS:** apps that help you stay alert to environmental noises and minimize the chance of missing important alarms, alerts or reminders.
 - » Sound Alert: (Android & iOS; free)
 - » Alarm Clock: Includes options for vibrating and flashing lights (iOS; free)
 - » Loud Alarm Clock PRO Sleep: (iOS; \$1.99)
- **SUBTITLES APPS:** for use with TV, movies and theatre, etc.
 - » Subtitles Viewer: Great for watching TV or movie at the theater (Android & iOS; free)
 - » GalaPro: Live theater captioning (Android & iOS; free)
 - » SubLoader and SubLoader Full: Search and download subtitles for your movies and TV shows in just two clicks. This application scans your phone for video files and allows you to search and download subtitles for any selected video (Android; free and \$1.43)