How Can I Add A Language Voice To Read&Write For The Mac

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Language voices for Mac can be installed through the Mac OS X operating system. Mac offers a variety of voices through System Preferences.

To add voices:

Choose a voice

- 1. Choose Apple menu > System Preferences, click Dictation & Speech, then click Text to Speech.
- 2. Click the pop-up menu, then choose a voice.
- 3. You can adjust how fast the voice speaks by dragging the Speaking Rate slider.
- 4. Click Play to test the voice and speaking rate.

Add a new voice

You can add voices to the System Voice pop-up menu. If you add a voice that's not on your Mac, it's automatically downloaded from Apple.

- 1. In the Text to Speech pane of Dictation & Speech preferences, choose Customize from the bottom of the System Voice pop-up menu (choose Apple menu > System Preferences, click Dictation & Speech, then click Text to Speech).
- 2. Select the checkbox beside the voices you want to add.
- 3. To find a voice, enter its name, country, or language in the search field.
- 4. To sample a voice, select it, then click Play.
- 5. Click OK.
- 6. Click the System Voice pop-up menu, then choose the voice.
- 7. The voice appears in the menu when the download is complete.

Delete a downloaded voice

You can delete a voice that you downloaded to your Mac.

- In the Text to Speech pane of Dictation & Speech preferences, choose Customize from the bottom of the System Voice pop-up menu (choose Apple menu > System Preferences, click Dictation & Speech, then click Text to Speech).
- 2. Deselect the checkbox beside the voice you want to delete.
- 3. Click OK, then click Delete.

To add voices on Mavericks

Choose a voice

- 1. Choose Apple menu > System Preferences, click Dictation & Speech, then click Text to Speech.
- 2. Choose a voice from the pop-up menu.

- 3. Adjust how fast the voice speaks by dragging the Speaking Rate slider.
- 4. Click Play to test the voice and speaking rate.

If you don't see the voice or language you want

You can add voices to the System Voice pop-up menu by choosing Customize. If you add a voice that's not on your Mac, it's automatically downloaded from Apple.

- 1. In the Text to Speech pane of Dictation & Speech preferences, choose Customize from the System Voice pop-up menu.
- 2. Click the checkbox beside the voice to add.
- 3. To find a voice, enter its name, country, or language in the search field.
- 4. To sample a voice, select it, then click Play.
- 5. If a yellow warning sign appears beside the selected voice, it's downloaded when you click OK.
- 6. Click OK.
- 7. Choose the voice from the System Voice pop-up menu.
- 8. The voice appears in the menu when the download is complete.