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Editor's Desk

“The value of an idea lies in the using of it”.

-Thomas Edison (1847 – 1931), Inventor

Happy Reading,

Regards,

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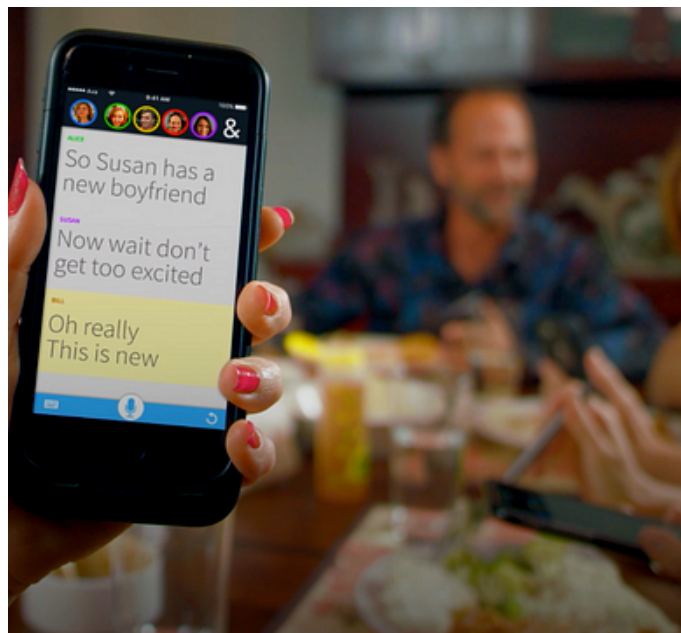
<http://www.connectspecial.in/>

Innovative Ideas

Ava – 24/7 Accessible Life

An app that facilitates 2-way communication between deaf and hearing people who don't know sign language. Ava turns smartphones in a room into smart microphones, allowing the deaf/hard-of-hearing person to read the entire conversation as real-time captions- including who said what. The app provides 24/7 real-time captioning (with up to 95% accuracy, based on artificial intelligence), on their smartphone.

<https://www.ava.me/blog/ava-1-0-24-7-accessibility-for-deaf-hearing-conversations>



Picture shows a man in the background and a lady holding a mobile and the screen shows the conversation-susan has a boyfriend-now wait don't get too excited-oh really -this is news

Speak2See

Speak2See utilizes state-of-the-art voice recognition to rapidly convert your words into a **LARGE LEGIBLE TEXT**.

Your iPhone and iPad are instantly upgraded to **VISUAL POCKET COMMUNICATORS**. Speak2See is easy to use and personalize, offering 3 primary communication tools: Communicate through words. Speak or type your questions into a blank screen and see your text magnified for quick, easy reading. Save your questions to "My Lists" with the touch of a button, or clear to speak and continue your conversation. Drag and drop to organize and categorize your questions to fit your needs. Communicate through Pictures-The Pix2See function allows the user to organize pictures, diagrams, or graphics and assign magnified text labels to the to the images directly on screen.

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/speak2see/id617911268>

Inclusive Ideas

Dragon Anywhere

Easily dictate documents of any length, edit, format, and share them directly from your iPhone or iPad — whether visiting clients, a job site, or your local coffee shop. All hands-free. Fast dictation and high recognition accuracy that continually improves as it adapts to your voice.

Robust voice formatting and editing options, including the ability to select words and sentences for editing or deletion.

Support for Auto-texts (frequently used text passages) such as client or work order descriptions.

<https://www.nuance.com/dragon/dragon-anywhere.html>

Jabberwocky Hands-Free AAC

Jabberwocky AAC is an assistive communication app that enables a user with limited speech to talk using only head movement. Jabberwocky AAC translates your head movement into a cursor used to type letters and initiate text-to-speech. Uses smart phrase prediction based on your history, and enables word draw to type even faster!

Video-

<https://images.squarespace-cdn.com/content/v1/5bbe133a7a1fbd0ee07300ef/1547233329607-3GKBSLHSS7VIV1D83JU1/A+user+types+on+Jabberwocky+to+initiate+text-to-speech?format=1500w>

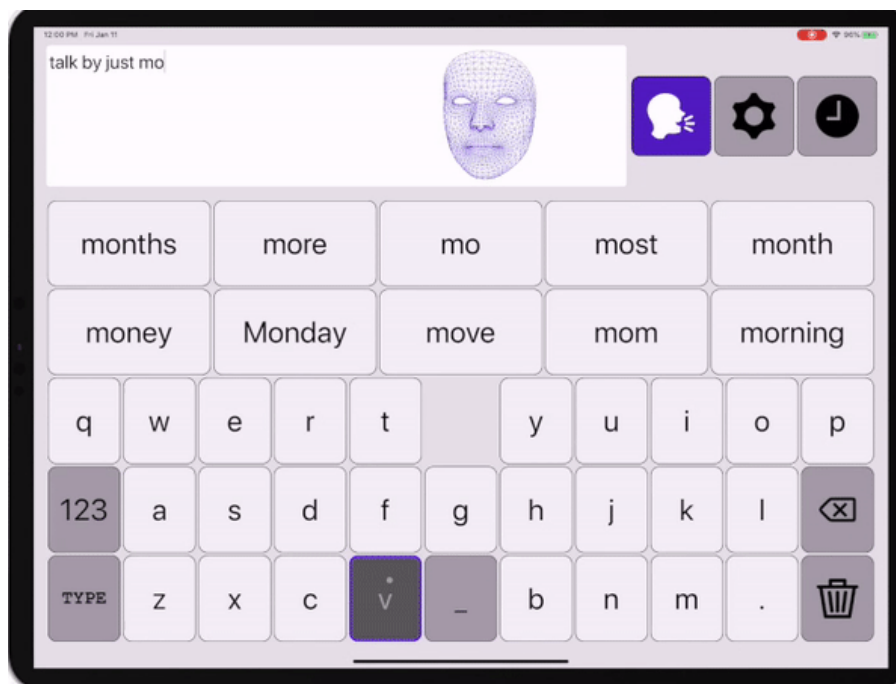


Image shows screen shot of the mobile with alphabets and word prediction and the cursor controlled by head movement

<https://www.jabberwockyapp.com/aac>

Vibeat

The Vibeat range of devices allows people who are deaf or hard of hearing to enjoy music through vibration. It is a fashionable set that includes a bracelet, neckpiece, and pin. Working like headphones, the separate pieces combine to create a system that makes vibrations from music tracks. Each piece reacts to higher or lower ranges, enabling the wearer to feel the music through touch. They connect to any Bluetooth-enabled device that can serve as the music source. Within the Vibeat pieces are internal motors that cause them to vibrate at various rates.

<https://www.dezeen.com/2016/08/07/liron-gino-design-vibeat-listening-devices-wearable-hearing-impaired-tactile-music/>

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