

LuceVoce

The manual

Your books, read aloud, with every word lit as it is spoken.
Windows, Mac, iPhone and iPad.

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Welcome

LuceVoce reads your books aloud and lights up every word as it is spoken.

You can follow along on the screen, or put the phone in your pocket and simply listen: in the car, on a walk, while you cook. When you look at the screen again, the word you are hearing is the one that is lit, so you never lose your place.

The name is Italian, said *LOO-cheh VOH-cheh*: *luce* is light, *voce* is voice. The light follows the voice across the page.

A few things LuceVoce believes in:

- **Your books stay yours.** EPUB, Kindle, PDF, Word, web pages, audiobooks and more: you add your own files, and they never leave your devices unless you ask them to.
- **The voices live on your device.** Nothing you read is sent anywhere to be spoken, and the voices work with no connection at all.
- **No account, no adverts, no tracking.** There is nothing to sign up for.

This manual walks through everything LuceVoce can do. You don't need to read it in order: the first two chapters get you started, and the rest is there when you want it.

The manual is inside LuceVoce too, as its **Help**: press **F1** (on the Mac **⌘?**, or LuceVoce Help in the Help menu), or Help at the bottom of the library's list on a computer, or in Settings > About on any device. The **?** beside a setting opens it at the right place, and its search box finds any word in it.

1. Better voices: please download them

This is the most important page of the manual.

LuceVoce can read with two very different kinds of voices.

The natural voices (they are called Kokoro) sound like a person reading to you: they breathe, they pause where a reader would pause, their tone rises and falls with the sentence. Once you have heard them, it is hard to go back. There are 54 of them, in English (American and British), French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Hindi, Japanese and Chinese.

Your device's own voices (the ones that come with Windows, macOS, iOS and iPadOS) are clear, and they speak many languages, but they sound like a machine reading.

The natural voices are not inside the app when you install it. They come as one download, the first time you ask for them:

- about **410 MB** on the Mac, the iPhone and the iPad;
- about **340 MB** on Windows.

You download them once. After that they work offline, for good.

Why aren't they included? They would make the app three times larger for everyone, even for people who only ever use their device's own voices. So LuceVoce lets you choose.

Where to download them:

- in the welcome guide, the first time you open LuceVoce;
- at the top of the voice picker in a book (the box says "The natural voices are not downloaded yet");
- in Settings > Voice, under "Natural voices (Kokoro)".

You can start reading right away: until the download is finished, your device's own voices read for you, and the natural voices take over as soon as they arrive. On the iPhone and the iPad the download carries on even if you switch to another app.

On the Mac, the iPhone and the iPad, the same download also brings what the natural voices need to run on the Neural Engine, the part of the chip built for this kind of work. That makes them several times faster and much gentler on the battery.

2. Getting started

What you need

- **Windows** 10 or 11 (64-bit).
- **Mac** with Apple silicon (M1 or later) and macOS 13.3 or later.
- **iPhone or iPad** with iOS or iPadOS 17 or later. It is the same app on both.

Leave room for about 160 MB for the app, the natural voices on top (see chapter 1), and your books.

Installing

On **Windows**, run the installer. It installs just for you, with no administrator password, and adds "Read aloud with LuceVoce" to the menu you get when you right-click a book. There is also a portable copy, which you can unzip anywhere, even on a USB stick: it keeps your library and settings in a folder next to the program.

On the **Mac**, the **iPhone** and the **iPad**, install LuceVoce as you would any other app.

The free hour

LuceVoce from the Microsoft Store or the App Store reads aloud for **one hour, in all, for free**. Every voice counts; listening to a voice's sample and playing an audiobook don't. While the hour lasts, the bottom bar shows the minutes left ("35 min free").

When the hour is used up, the voice stops and LuceVoce offers to **unlock** it: one purchase, with no subscription. Your library, notes, highlights, search and everything else keep working either way. Settings > About shows the minutes left and the Unlock button (and, on Apple devices, Restore purchases).

The welcome guide

The first time you open LuceVoce, a short guide asks you a few things:

1. **Which languages you read.** LuceVoce picks a voice for each book by its language.
2. **Which voice you like.** Listen to a few and pick one. The natural voices are marked "needs the Kokoro download": that comes in the next step.
3. **Download the natural voices.** One button, with the size shown. You can skip it and do it later.

4. **Your first book.**

You can skip the whole guide, and bring it back any time from Settings > About > Run setup again.

Your first book

Press **Add** and pick a book, or simply drag a file onto the window. Open it, press **Play**, and LuceVoce starts reading. The next time you open the book, it picks up where you stopped.

There are other ways in, too: open a file "with LuceVoce" from your file manager, share it to LuceVoce on the iPhone or iPad, paste a web address, or take a free book from Free books (chapter 3).

3. Your library

Finding your way around

The library shows all your books with their covers and how far you have read. On a computer, the list down the left side takes you to the different views; on an iPhone, the tabs along the bottom do the same.

- **All books**, **Reading now**, **To read**, **Finished** and **Recently added** speak for themselves.
- **Reading List** holds the articles you saved from the web, and anything else you want to read soon.
- **Queue** is your "up next" list: books that will be read one after another.
- **Notes** gathers every highlight and note from every book.
- **Free books** is where you find free books to download.
- Below them are your **folders**, your **smart shelves**, and lists by author, series, tag, language and format.

You can show the books as a grid of covers or as a list, and sort them any way you like, by up to three things at once (say, by series, then by number, then by title).

Adding books

- **A few books:** press Add, or drag them onto the window.
- **A whole folder, or a whole drive:** drag the folder in, or use the arrow beside Add > Scan a folder or drive. LuceVoce looks through it in the background, finds the books it can read, and tells you what it found (web pages and PowerPoint files are left out: add those one at a time). It notices duplicates, skips system files, and lists apart any books with copy protection.
- **A folder that keeps getting new books:** add it under Settings > Library > Watched folders, and new books there are added by themselves.
- **An article from the web:** the arrow beside Add > From a web address. LuceVoce keeps the article itself, without the menus, adverts and comments around it, and puts it on your Reading List.
- **Text you copied:** the arrow beside Add > From the clipboard.

When you add a book, LuceVoce keeps its own copy, so the book stays readable even if

you delete the original. Books found by a scan or in a watched folder are read from where they are, unless you ask for copies in Settings > Library. LuceVoce never moves or deletes your files.

Free books

Free books brings the great free libraries into the app:

- **Project Gutenberg**, with about 78,000 classic books in 60 languages;
- **LibriVox**, with audiobooks read by volunteers;
- **Wikisource**, with texts in every language;
- **unglue.it** and the **Open Textbook Library**, with books and textbooks under open licences;
- and any catalogue of your own you add (a calibre library, for example).

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LuceVoce only goes online for this when you open Free books, and only downloads the books you choose.

Keeping things tidy

- **Folders** you make yourself, inside each other if you like.
- **Tags**, as many as you want. Use a dot to nest them: "fiction.classics".
- **Stars** from one to five, and a **reading status**: to read, reading or finished (or let LuceVoce work it out from your progress).
- **Series**, with each book's number.
- **Smart shelves:** type a search, save it with a name, and the shelf always shows the books that match.
- **Reading List:** what you mean to read soon. "Mark as read" takes a book off the list; it stays in your library.

Select several books at once to tag, move or edit them together.

Searching

The search box looks through the **words inside** every book, not just titles and authors,

and doesn't mind accents: "tara" finds "țară". Each result shows a snippet, and a tap opens the book right there.

For more precise searches, the same box understands little phrases like `author:austen`, `series:"Harry Potter"`, `tag:exam`, `lang:ro`, `kind:audio`, `progress:<50` or `added:>30daysago`. The question mark in the search box lists them all with examples.

A book's details and cover

Edit information in a book's menu lets you change its title, authors, series, tags, rating, status, language, publisher, date, ISBN and description. What you change by hand stays changed. The language matters more than it seems: it decides which voice reads the book and how its sentences and numbers are read.

Change cover lets you pick any picture.

If you like, LuceVoce can look up a book's details online for you (Settings > Library > Book information; it is off until you turn it on). It asks Open Library, Wikidata, the national library of France and CrossRef, sends only the title, the first author and the ISBN, and shows you what it found next to what you have, so you choose what to keep.

When a file goes missing

If a book's file has moved, the book looks faded in the library, with a **Find file** button. Show LuceVoce where the file is now, and everything comes back: your place, your notes, your bookmarks.

4. Reading and listening

The reading view

Your book appears as clean, comfortable text, in the font and size you choose. While the voice reads, the current sentence is softly tinted and the spoken word is lit, and the page scrolls gently to keep up.

Scroll away to look at something else and the page stops following for a few seconds; a **Back to the current position** button takes you back to the voice. After a couple of seconds of reading, everything except the text fades away, and returns as soon as you touch the screen or move the mouse.

The controls

Along the bottom: the **voice**, the **speed**, **back 15 seconds**, **previous sentence**, **Play**, **next sentence**, **forward 15 seconds**, the **microphone** for a voice note (on Windows once a speech model is downloaded, see chapter 6), the **sleep timer**, and a bar showing where you are in the book.

On a phone, the buttons respond however long your finger rests on them, so a quick press in a moving car still counts. On the iPhone and the iPad only the Play button plays or pauses, so a touch on the text never stops or starts the voice by mistake; on a Windows touch screen a tap on the text plays or pauses too. Swipe left or right to change chapter.

To start reading from somewhere else, click a word and choose **Read from here** (on a phone, press and hold the word, then More, then Read from here).

Moving around the book (scrolling, the progress bar, the contents, the chapter bar) only changes what you **see**. The voice keeps its place until you ask it to read from somewhere else.

Getting around a book

- **Contents** lists the chapters.
- **The chapter bar** is a thin strip on the right edge with a mark for each chapter. Drag it to look around.
- **Go to** takes you to a page number, or to a reference like 3.12 (chapter 3, paragraph 12).

- **Search** finds words in the book you are reading.
- **Bookmarks** are in chapter 6.

Voice commands

You can tell LuceVoce what to do instead of pressing a button. Turn on **Settings > Reading > Voice commands** first; it is off until you do.

- To give a command: press the **Command** button (a microphone with sound waves) that appears in the top bar, or tap the text with **two fingers** on a touch screen. With a keyboard, press **C** while reading, or **Ctrl+Alt+C** (on the Mac **^⌥C**, Control, Option and C) from any app; Settings > Shortcuts can change that key.
- A short sound tells you LuceVoce is listening, and the reading pauses so it can hear you. Say one command. When you stop talking, LuceVoce does it, and the reading goes on if it was reading before.
- You can say: **play**, **pause**, **next chapter**, **previous chapter**, **chapter 5** (any number), **start of the chapter**, **next sentence**, **previous sentence**, **back**, **forward** (15 seconds), **faster**, **slower**, **where am I** (the chapter and how far you are in the book), **help** (the list, said aloud) and **cancel**.
- When the reading is paused and you move somewhere, LuceVoce says where you are now ("Chapter 3: The castle").
- Commands can be in English or French: by default, the language of LuceVoce. You can choose the other one in the same settings.
- Your words are heard on your device only: nothing is kept and nothing is sent anywhere. On the Mac, iPhone and iPad the first command asks to use the microphone and speech recognition. On Windows, commands are heard with the speech model of voice notes (chapter 6), so download one first, and LuceVoce answers with a Windows voice of the commands' language.

Making the text look right for you

In Settings > Reading you choose the **font**, the **text size**, the **line spacing**, how **long the lines** are, and **light or dark**. Two fonts come with LuceVoce for people who find reading harder: **OpenDyslexic** and **Atkinson Hyperlegible**.

On a touch screen (the iPhone, the iPad, or a Windows tablet in the touch layout), **pinch** the text to make it bigger or smaller. On the iPhone and the iPad the menus and buttons follow the text size you set for your whole device; the book keeps its own size.

Four ways to show the text

The button at the top of the reading view (or Settings > Reading > Reading mode) changes how the text looks while it is read:

- **Normal.**
- **Bold word starts:** the first letters of every word are bold, which some people find guides the eye.
- **One word at a time:** a single large word in the middle of the screen, in step with the voice.
- **Reveal as it is read:** the text ahead is dimmed, and brightens as the voice reaches it.

PDFs

PDFs are tidied into readable text: columns are put in order, headers and page numbers are left out, and a sentence that runs over to the next page is read as one sentence.

If you prefer to see the real pages, press **PDF pages** at the top: the pages appear as they were printed, with the spoken word lit on them. Pinch to zoom.

Scanned PDFs, where each page is only a picture, are read too: LuceVoce recognises the text in the background, page by page, and starts reading while it works.

Tables and footnotes

A table is shown as a proper grid, and read row by row the way a person would read it aloud: "Lisbon: growth 1.2%, visitors 12,000". If you would rather the voice skipped tables, turn off "Read tables aloud" in Settings > Voice.

Footnote numbers are shown but not read aloud, so the sentence flows. Tap a footnote number to read the note without losing your place.

Speed, pitch and sleep

- **Speed** goes from half speed to three times as fast, from the speed button or the up and down arrow keys. The voice keeps its natural pitch.
- **Pitch** (Settings > Voice) makes every voice a little higher or lower, if you like.
- **The sleep timer** (the moon) stops reading after 5, 10, 15, 30, 45 or 60 minutes, or at the end of the chapter.

Listening with the screen off

- On the **iPhone and iPad**, LuceVoce keeps reading with the screen locked or while you use other apps. The lock screen, your headphones, your watch and your car can pause, play and skip.
- On the **Mac**, close the window and LuceVoce keeps reading from the menu bar at the top of the screen.
- On **Windows**, close the window and it keeps reading from the small icon near the clock.

Audiobooks

LuceVoce plays audiobooks too (MP3, M4B and folders of tracks), with their chapters, cover and narrator, and it remembers where you stopped. Free ones come from LibriVox, in Free books.

Up next: the reading queue

Choose **Play next** or **Add to queue** in a book's menu. When the book you are listening to ends, the next one starts by itself. Drag the books in the Queue view to change the order.

From anywhere else

- On **Windows** and the **Mac**, select text in any app and press **Ctrl+Alt+R** (on the Mac, **^⌥R**, Control and Option): LuceVoce reads it. **Ctrl+Alt+P** (^⌥P) plays or pauses from anywhere.
- On the **iPhone and iPad**, select text in any app (or open a web page), tap **Share** and choose **LuceVoce**: the text is read aloud at once, and a web page is added to your library as an article. The first time, iOS asks whether to open LuceVoce.
- **Read Clipboard** reads whatever you copied: from the icon near the clock or in the menu bar, from LuceVoce's icon in the taskbar or the Dock, or on the iPhone and iPad by pressing and holding LuceVoce's icon on the Home screen.
- The same places list the **books you opened last**, so one tap takes you back into a book.

5. Voices

Choosing a voice

Tap the **voice button** in a book to see the voices for that book's language, each with a play button to listen first. The voice you choose there is for **that book**. If you want it for every book in the language, tick "Use for every book in this language". In Settings > Voice you can set a voice for each language you read, and a default voice for everything else.

The kinds of voices

- **The natural voices (Kokoro)** are the best by far, and the reason to use LuceVoce. They need the one-time download described in chapter 1.
- **Piper voices**, natural too: one download each (30 to 120 MB), in French, Italian and Spanish.
- **Your device's own voices** need no download and speak many languages, but sound mechanical. More can be added in your device's speech settings.
- **Voices you add yourself:** Settings > Voice > Add voice from file. The note just under it says where Piper voices are published and which three files to get. Before anything is installed, LuceVoce shows you the voice's licence, and marks voices that may only be used privately. A voice you add can read French, Italian, Spanish, Brazilian Portuguese, Hindi or Romanian.

Two languages in one book

When a book marks a passage as written in another language (a French reply in an English novel, say), that passage is read by your French voice, and then the book's own voice carries on. You can turn this off in Settings > Voice.

Teaching LuceVoce how to say a word

If a name or a word comes out wrong, add a rule in **Settings > Pronunciation**: write the word, and how it should be said. The rule changes only what you hear, never what you read. **Try it** lets you listen straight away.

LuceVoce already knows the usual abbreviations ("Mr.", "e.g.", "Dl." in Romanian), reads web addresses by their site name and leaves out list bullets.

6. For study and work

Words and passages

Click a word (or press and hold it on a touch screen) and you get its **definition** right there, with pronunciation, examples and synonyms. From the same place you can **translate** it, **search the web** for it, **add a note**, **highlight** the sentence or **bookmark** the spot.

Select a passage and a bar appears with **highlight colours**, **Copy**, **Copy citation**, **Search**, **Translate** and **Note**.

None of this moves the voice or interrupts it.

Highlights, notes and bookmarks

Highlight in five colours, and give each colour a meaning of your own ("important", "check this", "quote"). Write a note on any highlight or any word. Press **B** (or the star) to bookmark the sentence being read.

Every note remembers its page, chapter and the exact words, so it stays in the right place even if the book file is replaced.

Library > Notes shows all your notes from all your books in one place, to search, filter and jump back to.

Voice notes

Sometimes it is easier to say a thought than to type it. Press the **microphone** in the bottom bar and speak: the note goes on the sentence being read, with nothing else to tap. To put a note on a particular word or passage, press the word or select the passage, and choose **Voice note** beside Note. On a keyboard, **V** records a note on the sentence being read.

A small card shows the time, how loud you are and your words as LuceVoce hears them. **Save** keeps the note, **Cancel** drops it (pressing the microphone again saves too); reading pauses while you speak and carries on afterwards. A note can be up to five minutes long.

LuceVoce writes down your words **on your device** (nothing is sent anywhere) and keeps the words, not the recording. They become the note's text, so you can edit, search and export it like any other note, and it reaches your other devices as usual. Settings > Study

lets you choose the language you speak in.

On the **Mac, iPhone and iPad**, the words come from your device's own speech recognition. The first time, your device asks whether LuceVoce may use the microphone and speech recognition. If speech recognition is off, or your device cannot write down that language by itself, no note is made and a message says why.

On **Windows**, the words come from a speech model you download once in **Settings > Study > Voice notes**: **Base** (about 140 MB, the fastest), **Small** (about 470 MB, the one chosen at first) or **Medium** (about 1.5 GB, the most accurate, slow on most computers). Each understands many languages, and on Automatic it tells the language from what you say. The microphone appears in the bottom bar once the model is on your computer. If Windows' privacy settings keep LuceVoce from the microphone, the card says so and opens the right setting.

Taking your notes elsewhere

Export a book's notes, or all of them, as **Markdown** (ready for Obsidian and Notion), **Word**, **PDF**, **plain text**, **CSV**, **Anki** flash cards, **JSON** or **BibTeX**. Each note keeps its quote, page, chapter and a link back to its place in the book.

Coming from a Kindle or calibre? **Settings > Study > Import notes** brings in your Kindle clippings and calibre annotations, each on its book.

Copy citation gives you the quote with a ready-made reference in **APA**, **MLA**, **Chicago** or **BibTeX**.

Dictionaries

LuceVoce comes with a full English dictionary (136,000 words) and understands word forms: "went" finds "go", "mice" finds "mouse". You can add dictionaries for other languages (StarDict files) in Settings > Study, and, if you like, let LuceVoce ask Wiktionary for words your dictionaries don't have.

Translation, on your device

Translate works on a word in its sentence or on a whole passage, and it happens entirely on your device: nothing you read is sent anywhere. Each pair of languages is a small download (14 to 26 MB) the first time you need it. English pairs with Romanian, French, German, Spanish and Italian, in both directions.

You can choose the language to translate into in the translation card or in Settings >

Study. On Automatic, a passage goes into the language of LuceVoce; when the book is already in that language, an English book goes into French and a French book into English.

Search the web and find more books

Search the web opens your browser with the word or passage already searched, on Google, Bing, DuckDuckGo, Wikipedia or a site of your choice. **More books** in a book's menu looks for more by the same author, in the same series or on the same subject, at the bookshop or catalogue you prefer.

7. All your devices

Start a book on your computer and finish it on your phone. LuceVoce keeps your devices in step through a folder in **your own cloud**: iCloud Drive, OneDrive, Dropbox, Google Drive or Box. There is no LuceVoce account and no LuceVoce server; your reading stays between your devices.

To set it up, open **Settings > Sync** on each device, turn it on, and choose the same folder. Please keep that folder private.

What travels between your devices:

- **where you are** in each book;
- your **bookmarks, highlights and notes**;
- your **tags, stars, folders and smart shelves** (you can turn this off);
- the **theme, speed and voices** you chose (you can turn this off);
- and, if you turn them on, **the books themselves**, your **audiobooks** and **voices you added**.

When you open a book that you read further on another device, LuceVoce asks: "Continue from iPhone: chapter 4, 10 minutes ago". Tap **Continue** or **Stay here**.

Shared books come to your other devices by themselves. By default only the books you have started are shared, and on a phone they wait for Wi-Fi unless you say otherwise.

8. What LuceVoce can read

Kind of file	Notes
EPUB	Chapters, cover, printed page numbers, footnotes
Kindle (MOBI, AZW3)	Books without copy protection
PDF	Text in reading order, tables, scanned pages, the page view
Word (DOCX and older DOC)	Headings, lists, tables, footnotes
PowerPoint (PPTX)	Each slide, then its speaker notes
OpenDocument, RTF, FictionBook	Headings, lists, tables
Web pages (HTML, MHTML), calibre HTMLZ	The page's text, without menus and scripts
Plain text, Markdown	Paragraphs, headings, lists
Audiobooks (MP3, M4B, M4A, AAC)	Chapters, cover, narrator
Comics (CBZ, CBR, CB7)	Each page as a picture; the speech balloons read aloud, the words lit on the page
DAISY talking books (a .zip, DAISY 2.02 or 3)	The text and its structure; added with Add
Help files (CHM), Windows only	The pages in the order of their contents

Books with **copy protection** (DRM) from Kindle, Apple Books, Kobo, Adobe or Audible can't be read. LuceVoce recognises them and tells you so; it never tries to get around the protection.

9. Settings at a glance

- **Reading:** the language of LuceVoce (English or French), font, text size, line spacing, line length, light or dark, reading mode, the sentence and word highlights, following the voice, the chapter bar, how PDFs open, voice commands and their language.
- **Voice:** the natural voices download, your default voice, a voice for each language, passages in other languages, voices you added, speed, pitch, the pause between sentences, how far the skip buttons jump, resuming where you left off, reading tables, the reading queue.
- **Pronunciation:** your own rules for how words are said.
- **Study:** the meanings of your highlight colours, exports, importing notes, voice notes and the language you speak them in (and, on Windows, their speech model), dictionaries, translation, which search engine to use.
- **Library:** scanned and watched folders, missing files, scanned PDFs, looking up book details online, where "More books" searches.
- **Free books:** which sources to use, Project Gutenberg's catalogue, your own catalogues.
- **Sync:** everything in chapter 7.
- **Shortcuts:** the keyboard shortcuts, and changing the ones that work from anywhere (play or pause, read the selection, and a voice command).
- **Touch** (Windows tablets and iPad): the touch layout on or off.
- **About:** the version, how to say LuceVoce and what it means, the free hour and the unlock (in a copy from a store), the free software and voices LuceVoce is built with, **Licences** (each one's full text), and setting it up again.

10. Your privacy

LuceVoce has no account, no server of its own, no adverts and no tracking. Your books, notes, highlights, settings and voice notes stay on your devices. Reading aloud, translation, text recognition, the dictionary, and the speech recognition of voice notes and voice commands all happen on your device.

It goes online only when you use one of these:

- to **download** the natural voices, a Piper voice, a speech model for voice notes (Windows) or a translation language (a file is fetched from LuceVoce's own place on GitHub; nothing about you is sent);
- to **open, search or download free books** (once a week Free books fetches Project Gutenberg's public catalogue to search it on your device; your search words go to the free library you search);
- to **add a web page** by its address or from the clipboard (the request goes to that website);
- to **look up a book's details**, if you turned that on (the title, first author and ISBN);
- to **ask Wiktionary** about a word, if you turned that on (just that word);
- to **search the web** or find **more books** (your own browser opens the search; LuceVoce sends nothing);
- to **sync** with your other devices, if you turned that on (small files in your own cloud folder; LuceVoce's maker cannot read them);
- to **buy the unlock** in a store edition (the Microsoft Store or the App Store handles the payment; LuceVoce never sees your payment details).

Each request carries your device's internet address, as any request does; LuceVoce adds nothing that identifies you or your device.

The microphone is used only while you record a voice note or give a voice command. LuceVoce keeps only the words of a voice note, never the recording, and keeps nothing of a voice command.

LuceVoce's own **log files** stay on your device; they are there to find problems and are never sent anywhere. Its pages are shown by your system's own web component (WebView2 on Windows, WebKit on Apple devices), which follows your system's privacy settings. The full privacy policy says all of this in more detail.

11. Small differences between devices

LuceVoce is the same on every device, with a few natural differences:

- On **Windows** it keeps reading from the icon near the clock, has a portable copy, changes to a touch layout on a tablet, and opens help files (CHM), which the Mac, iPhone and iPad do not read.
- On the **Mac** it keeps reading from the menu bar, and the Services menu has "Read in LuceVoce".
- On the **iPhone and iPad** it keeps reading with the screen locked, follows your device's text size, has Home screen shortcuts, and is in the Share sheet of other apps as "LuceVoce".
- Voice notes and voice commands hear you through Apple's own speech recognition on the Mac, iPhone and iPad, and through a speech model you download once on Windows.
- The natural voices download is about 410 MB on Apple devices (it includes the Neural Engine part) and about 340 MB on Windows.

12. If something isn't right

The voice sounds robotic. The natural voices aren't downloaded yet. Open the voice picker in a book, or Settings > Voice, and download them (chapter 1).

There's no voice for my language. Add one in your device's speech settings, or add a Piper voice in Settings > Voice.

A book won't open. It may have copy protection, or the file may be damaged; LuceVoce says which. If the book looks faded in the library, its file has moved: use Find file.

There's no microphone for voice notes on Windows. Download a speech model in Settings > Study > Voice notes; the microphone appears once it is on your computer. If it still can't hear you, allow the microphone in Windows' privacy settings.

The voice stopped and LuceVoce asks to unlock it. The free hour of a copy from a store is used up (chapter 2). Everything except reading aloud keeps working.

A scanned PDF reads nothing. Your device needs the book's language for text recognition. The message in the book links to the right setting.

My place didn't come across from my other device. Make sure both devices have sync on with the same folder, and give your cloud a moment to copy it. Your place is saved when you pause, not while the voice is reading.

13. Keyboard shortcuts and gestures

Windows	Mac	What it does
Space	Space	Play or pause
← →	← →	Previous or next sentence
Ctrl+← Ctrl+→	⌘← ⌘→	Back or forward 15 seconds
↑ ↓	↑ ↓	Faster or slower
Page Up, Page Down	Page Up, Page Down	Previous or next chapter
B	B	Bookmark
V	V	Voice note on the current sentence
C	C	A voice command (with voice commands on)
T	T	Contents
Ctrl+F	⌘F	Search in the book
Ctrl+G	⌘G	Go to a page
Ctrl+,	⌘,	Settings
Ctrl+O	⌘O	Add books
F11	^⌘F	Full screen
F1	⌘?	Help
Esc	Esc	Close a panel, then back to the library
Ctrl+Alt+P	^⌥P	Play or pause, from any app
Ctrl+Alt+R	^⌥R	Read the selected text, from any app
Ctrl+Alt+C	^⌥C	A voice command, from any app (with voice commands on)

Gesture	What it does
Tap the text (Windows touch screens)	Play or pause (on the iPhone and the iPad, use the Play button)
Swipe left or right	Next or previous chapter
Press and hold a word	Its definition (then More for everything else)
Pinch the text (touch screens)	Bigger or smaller text
Tap a footnote number	Read the note
Tap the text with two fingers (touch screens)	A voice command (with voice commands on)
Swipe left or right with two fingers (touch screens)	30 seconds on or back
Swipe down with two fingers (touch screens)	Back to the library
Swipe up with two fingers (touch screens)	Settings
Press and hold LuceVoce's icon (iPhone, iPad)	Recent books and Read Clipboard

Enjoy your books.