

Pictello - Make an Accessible Book

Introduction

Pictello is an app available for the iPad. Pictello allows users to create books from images found on the web or on the iPad photo library. When the picture is tapped, it talks. The book can be narrated using a recorded human voice or using one of the Text to Speech voices. Words are highlighted as they are read aloud.

Learning Objectives

Completing this tutorial will give you experience:


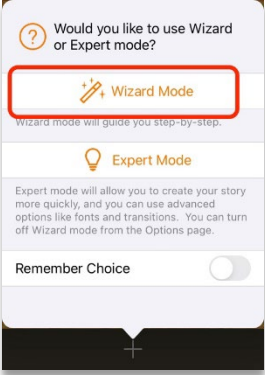
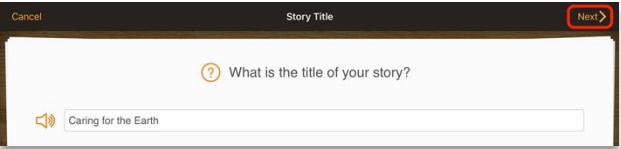
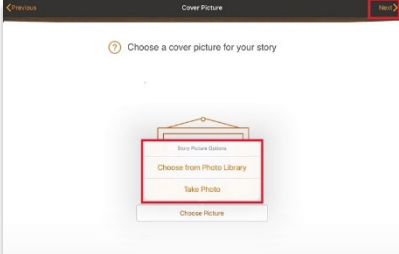
- Recording your voice.
- Importing pictures into Pictello.
- Using the text to speech feature.
- Customizing features (voice, voice speed, pronunciation, etc.).

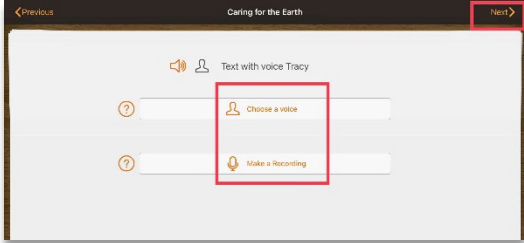
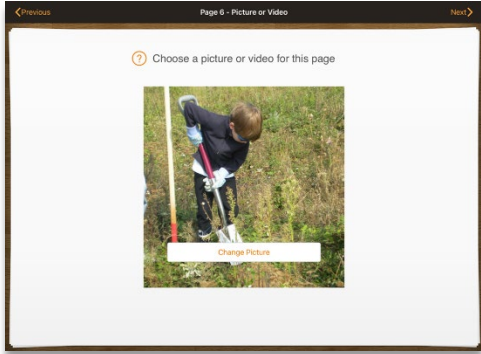
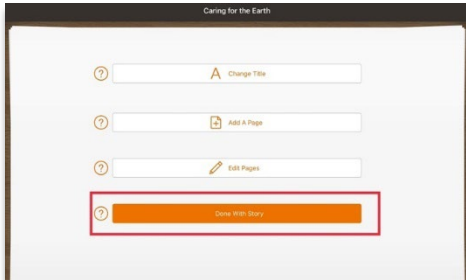
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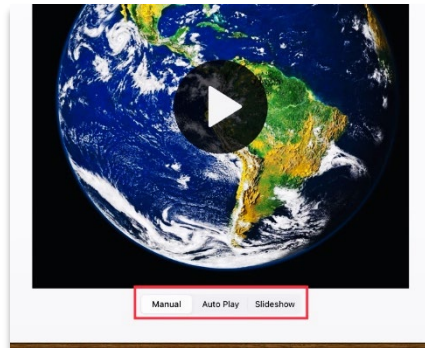
- You have an iPad with the Pictello App installed.
- You have planned for the text and images to be included.
- You know how to take and access photos from the iPad camera.

Case Study

Tracey is a student in grade 2 who is reading below grade level and has difficulty communicating verbally. The school team would like Tracey to participate more fully in her class, both academically and socially. Tracey's team will design an accessible book for her to read about a topic that the class is discussing. Tracey will also share her book with her peers using Pictello's speech features.

Step	Instruction	Visual
1	From you iPad desktop, tap on the Pictello App to launch it.	 The Pictello app icon is a square with rounded corners, featuring a brown textured background. It has a small photo of a child and an adult reading a book, and a speaker icon at the bottom.
2	<p>From the Pictello Library</p> <p>Tap the plus sign (+) at the bottom of the page.</p> <p>A pop-up presents you with a choice of 2 design modes: “Wizard” or “Expert.”</p> <p>As a beginner, Choose “Wizard Mode.”</p>	 This screenshot shows the Pictello app's mode selection screen. It asks 'Would you like to use Wizard or Expert mode?'. 'Wizard Mode' is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow. Below it, 'Expert Mode' is listed. At the bottom, there is a 'Remember Choice' toggle switch.
3	<p>Enter the title of the story.</p> <p>Tap Next.</p>	 This screenshot shows the 'Story Title' screen in the Pictello app. It has a 'Cancel' button on the top left and a 'Next' button on the top right. The main text asks 'What is the title of your story?'. Below this is a text input field containing the text 'Caring for the Earth'.
4	<p>Choose a cover image from the Photo Library or Take Photo.</p> <p>Tap Next.</p>	 This screenshot shows the 'Cover Picture' selection screen in the Pictello app. It has 'Previous' and 'Next' buttons at the top. The main text says 'Choose a cover picture for your story'. Below this is a red-bordered box containing three options: 'Choose from Photo Library', 'Take Photo', and 'Choose Picture'.

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5	<p>Choose a digitized voice or Make a Recording.</p> <p>Tap “Next.”</p>	
6	<p>Press Add A Page.</p> <p>Scroll through the pictures on the iPad photo library to add the first picture for the story.</p> <p>Tap Next.</p> <p>Add text to the page. Add a bottom label, if desired.</p>	
7	<p>Repeat process until all the pages have been created.</p> <p>Tap Done with Story.</p>	

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8	<p>The story will be added to the Pictello Library.</p>	
9	<p>To read a story, select it in your library. On the title page, select a playback option: Manual, Autoplay, or Slideshow.</p> <p>Tap the Play button to start reading the story.</p>	
10	<p>Settings menu:</p> <p>Tap the gear icon to see the options available.</p> <p>Note: Text size <u>cannot</u> be changed.</p> <p>Highlight colour <u>cannot</u> be changed.</p>	

Implementation Tips:

- Change the text to speech voices to add variety to the stories.
- Access more books and stories by converting a Tar Heel Reader book into a Pictello story. Go to <https://www.assistiveware.com/tar-heel-reader-pictello-converter> and follow the steps.
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