

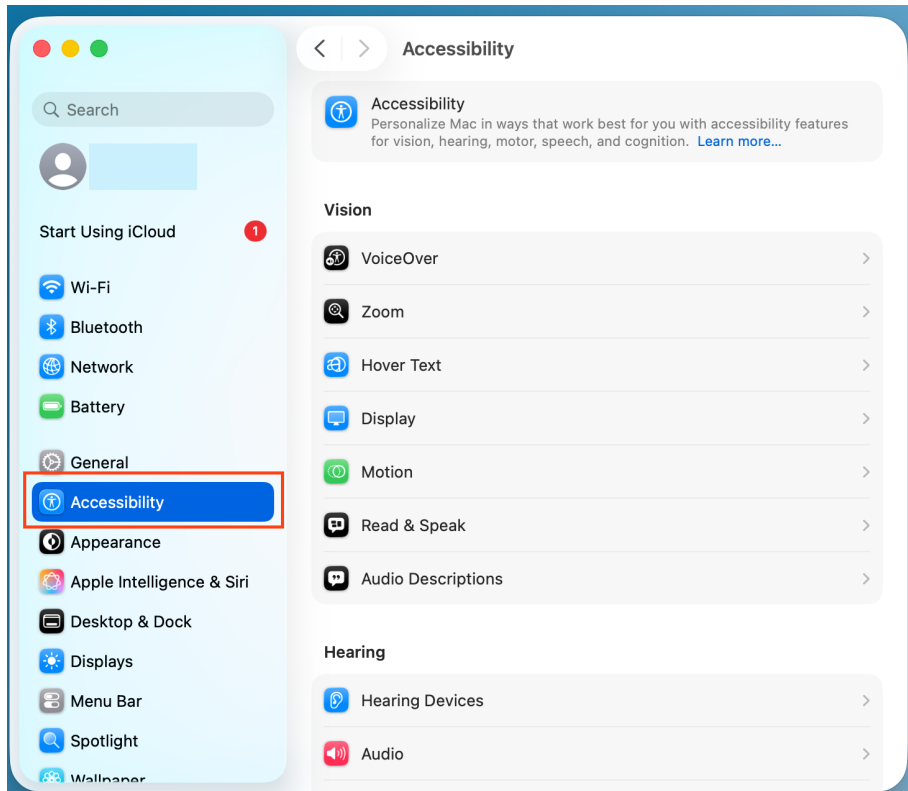
Text-to-Speech (MacBook)

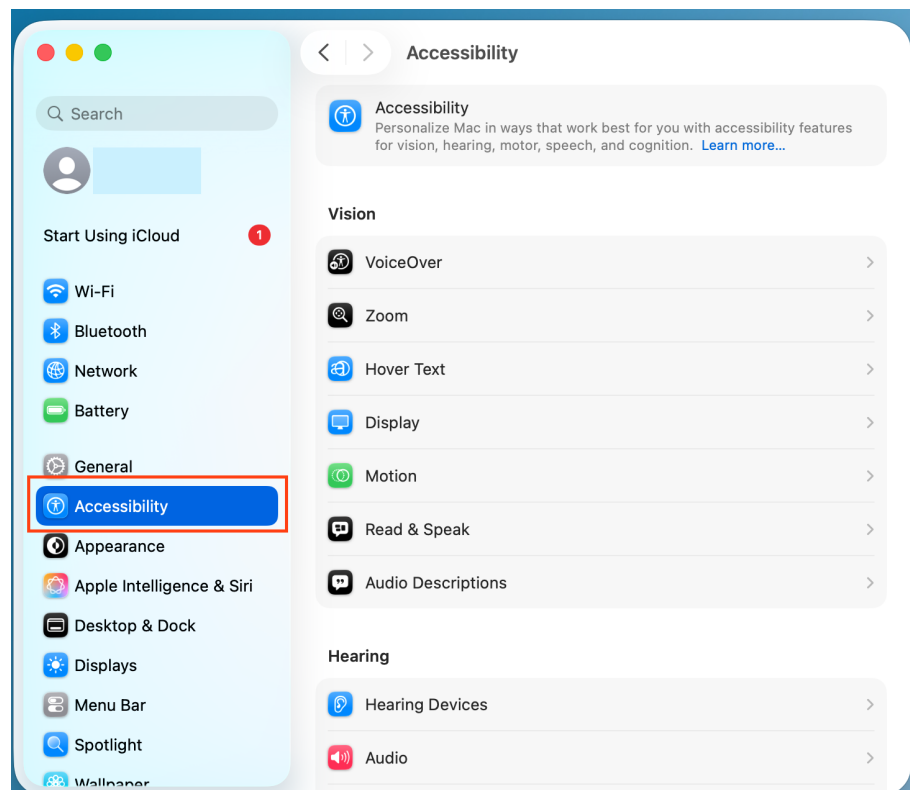
Introduction

Text-to-Speech is an embedded tool that allows students to have written text read aloud. This can be used to support students with reading. The following depicts how to access text-to-speech on a MacBook.

Steps to Follow

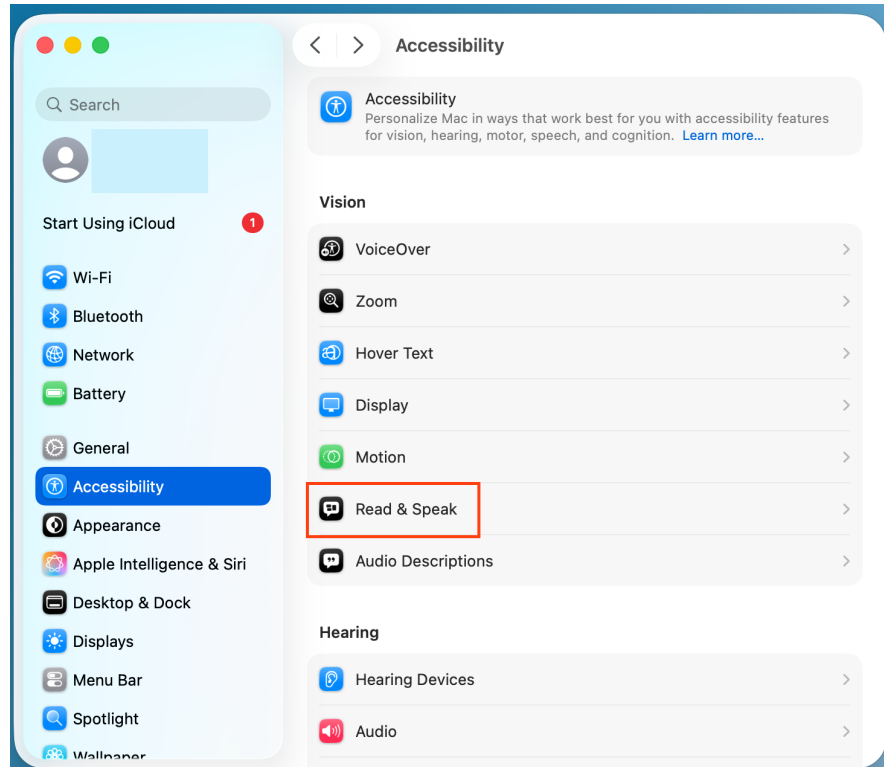
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1	Open “System Settings” and select “Accessibility” from the menu on the left.	
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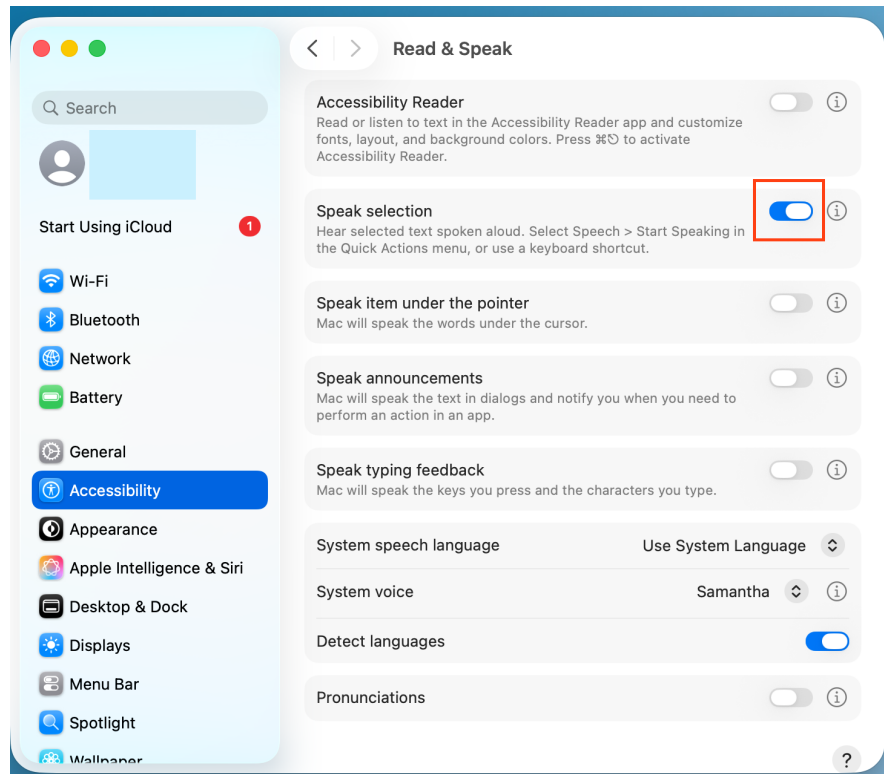


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2 Click on “Read & Speak.”

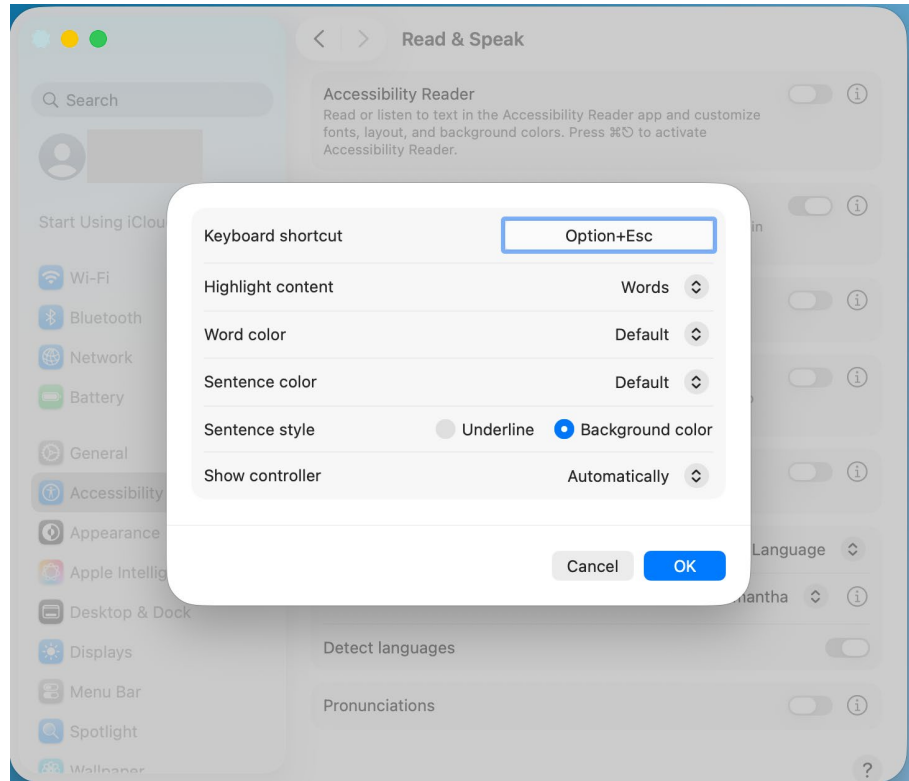


3 Toggle on “Speak Selection.”

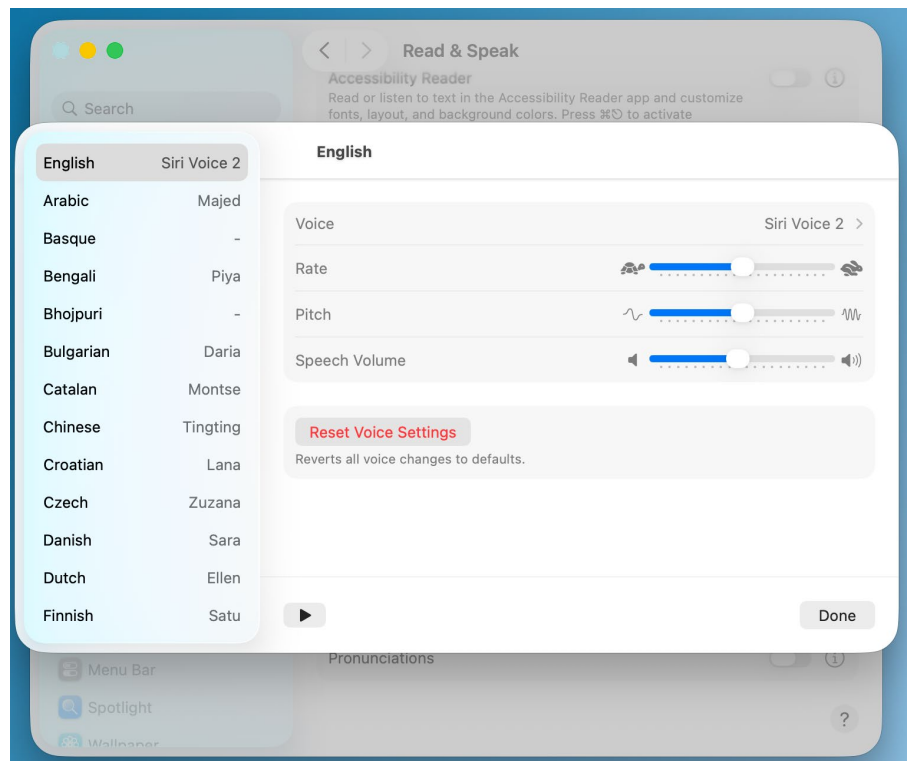


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4 To the right, select the “i” (info) button. Here, you can customize highlighting styles and colours. You’ll also see the keyboard shortcut “Option + Esc,” which will be used to activate Speak Selection.

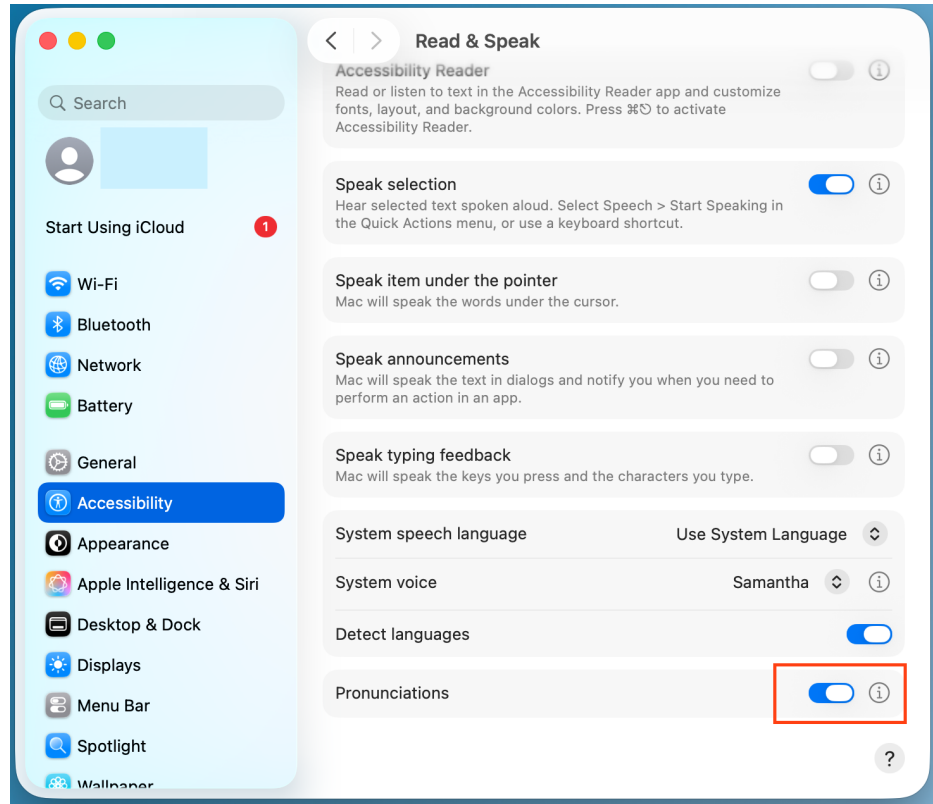


5 Under System Voice, click the “i” button to adjust the voice output, speaking rate, and pitch.

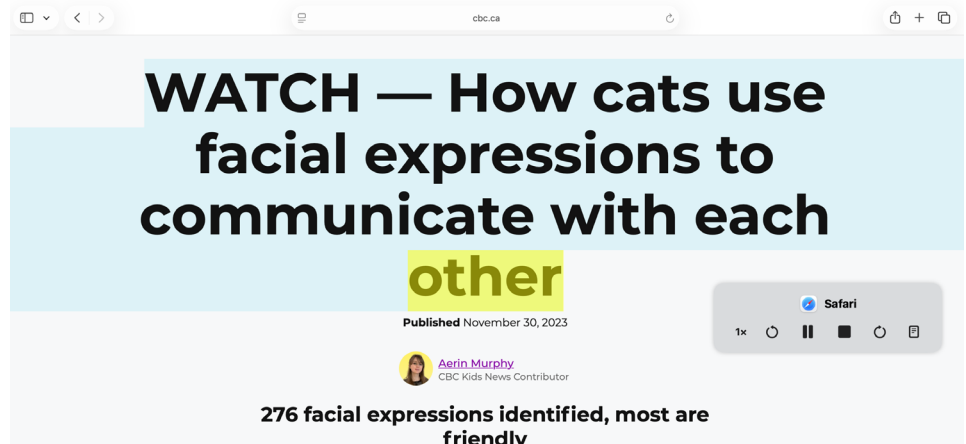


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6 You can also add custom word pronunciations by clicking the “i” button, then selecting the “+” symbol.

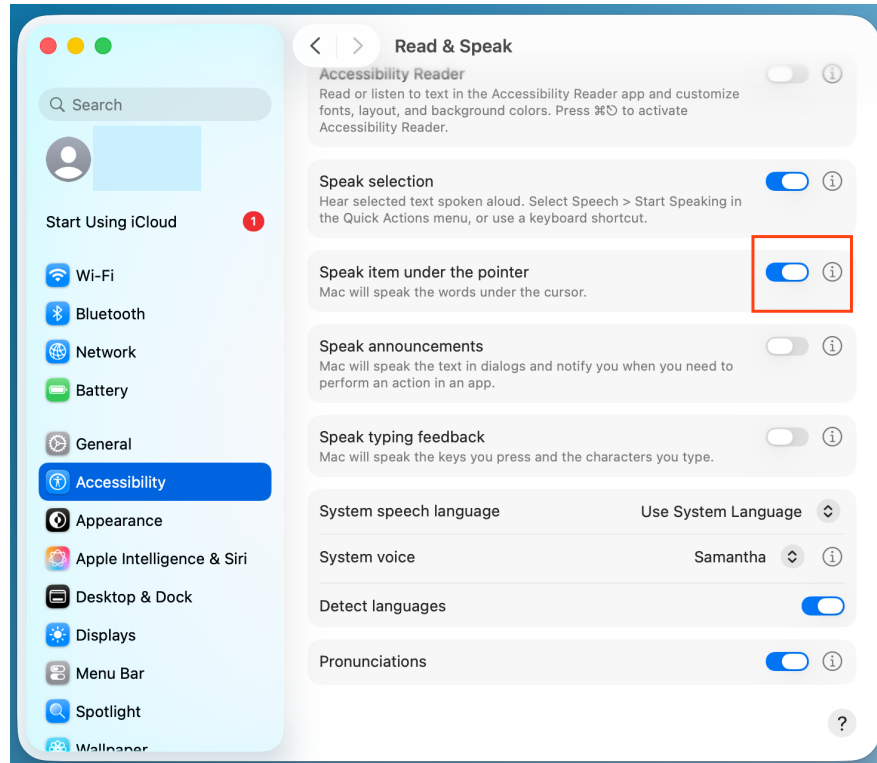


7 To use this on a webpage, select the text you want read aloud, and press Option + Esc.



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8 To support motor and vision needs, toggling on the “Speak item under the pointer” can be a helpful option. This reads the entire passage when you hover your pointer over the text.



9 Click on the “i” button to adjust these settings. Use the “After delay” slider to control how long you need to hover before the text is read aloud.

