

Working with Voices

Pictello (iPad, iPhone and iPod touch). In this tutorial you will change characteristics of Pictello's text-to-speech and download new voices.

Changing Voice Characteristics

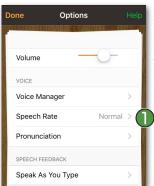


To change characteristics of the voices in Pictello, open

Pictello and tap the *Options* ①button in the bottom-right corner of Library View.



Locate the "Voice" section. To adjust the volume, you can use the *Volume* slider or use the volume buttons on your device. The volume slider adjusts the volume of all apps on the device, as do the physical volume buttons.



To adjust the speed of the speech, tap *Speech Rate*. 1 You'll see a list of choices for speech rate.



The currently selected choice has a checkmark. Tap the row of the speed you would like.
A sample will be read at the new speed. Tap *Options* in the top-left corner to go back.

Downloading Voices



Pictello includes two high-quality US English voices, Ryan and Tracy. Additional voices in 29 languages are available for free download. To download a voice, tap the Voice Manager.



Toggle *Show Downloadable Voices*
To ON.



You will see a list of all the voices that have not yet been downloaded to your device, grouped by language. To hear a sample of the voice, tap the speaker icon. To download a voice, tap inside its row.

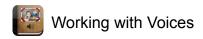


When asked, tap *Download*. Note that you can download multiple voices at one time.





A progress bar will appear underneath the voice name. You can tap the X button to cancel the download.





When you have selected all the voices you want to download, tap the < Options button to go back. Note that you can continue to use all of Pictello's features while downloading. Downloads will also continue while the app is in the background.

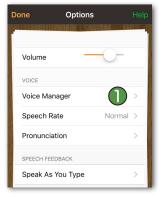


To remove a voice, tap the red circle to the left of its row.

Note that Ryan and Tracy are built-in and cannot be removed.

To delete the current default voice, you must first change the default to another voice.

Managing Voices



To see which voices have been downloaded to your device, or to remove downloaded voices, tap *Voice Manager*.

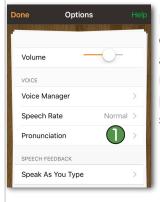


Confirm your deletion by tapping the *Delete* button. Tap the *Done* button when you are finished removing voices. Tap *Options* in the top-left corner to go back.

Modifying Pronunciations



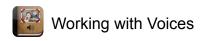
"Installed Voices" shows the voices that have been downloaded to Pictello. The checkmark shows which voice is currently the default used when you make a new story. To change the default voice, tap another voice's row. To remove a downloaded voice, tap the Edit button.



Besides changing voice characteristics and downloading additional voices, you can modify the way voices pronounce certain words. To do so, tap *Pronunciation*.



Tap the row showing the language and region of the voice whose pronunciation you want to change.





Tap the "plus" button to add a new pronunciation or modify an existing one by tapping its row 2.



Here you enter the word to modify. In the *Original Text* field, enter the word you want to be pronounced differently. In the *Pronunciation* field, enter your new pronunciation. For more control, toggle *Uses Phonetics* to ON and enter special phonetic codes. Tap *Speak* to hear your pronunciation. Tap *Delete* to remove a pronunciation.

For more info on modifying pronunciation, check out this Proloquo2Go tutorial: bit.ly/17zMp4w

Speak as You Type

By default, Pictello will speak each word aloud as you type it. This can be useful feedback for people who are learning to spell. Speak As You Type can read by letter, sentence, and/or paragraph. You can also set up Pictello to read aloud punctuation and white space.



To change how Speak As You Type behaves, go to the *Voice* section of Options and tap on the row labeled *Speak As You Type*.



Tap the On/Off switches to set up the desired configuration.