

Teaching English to Visually Impaired Learners

Session 2. Tools and Resources

Examples of Accessible Apps

Nowadays there are many Apps that are used in our classes. Many of them are accessible for students with visual disabilities, while for others that are not accessible, there may be some alternatives.

Below you will find four applications that make these students' work easier and provide a wide variety of possibilities when working in class.

Additionally, by visiting this link you will find a list of other educational Apps for students with visual disabilities: [10 apps for VI Learners](#)

Navilens



These are codes that can be read with a mobile phone and contain information of interest. They can be found in public places or closed spaces and give information about different aspects of the place. They can include any type of information, and the codes can be generated through their website completely free of charge.

What differentiates them from QR codes is that it is not necessary to focus the code with the camera, but simply be close to a *Navilens* code for it to identify and read it.

Seeing AI



This is a free application designed to narrate the environment to blind or low vision users, by describing people, texts and objects.

It can be used to understand space, as a text scanner or for any type of activities that require image analysis and interpretation. This application will provide an audio description of what is presented to you through the camera.

Be my Eyes



Be my Eyes offers an audio description of what is presented in front of the camera in a very similar way to *Seeing AI* with the difference that, the first time this app is used, the application will connect the user with another person who will answer the question for them. Once this first call has been made, Artificial Intelligence will provide the audio descriptions.

This App is not recommended for minors, since it is necessary to contact an unknown person. In fact, the parental control that families usually activate for children does not allow this application to be downloaded.

Anyone sighted can sign up to volunteer to be someone's eyes: [Be My Eyes - See the world together](#)

Prizmo Go



An App for mobile devices that allows you to recognize the text (OCR – scanner) found in the image or QR code captured by the camera. Once the image is captured and recognized, it is possible to read the text and even edit it.

It is also possible to recognize the text of images that we have in the gallery or that we have received from other applications, such as *WhatsApp* or email.

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