



Actor Finds TextAloud Takes the Drama Out of Learning Lines

Text to speech proves to be a powerful tool for busy actor and artistic director.

Clemmons, NC ([PRWEB](#)) October 14, 2008 -- John Greene is an accomplished actor, as well as the Artistic Director for a youth repertory theatre company in Martinez, Georgia. One day, while seeking new and more effective ways to memorize his lines for his role in the local production of *Oliver!*, he came across TextAloud, the easy to use Text to Speech (TTS) program from [NextUp Technologies](#). The program proved to be exactly what John needed, and aided in his realization that listening actually leads to faster memorization.

"Most actors learn the parts of their fellow performers before they learn their own lines," John comments. "This is because they hear the other performers' lines over and over in rehearsal. By typing and then playing with TextAloud, I am able to hear my lines over and over in a different voice." John also uses the program to give cues as well, where "the ability to use multiple voices is a definite plus."

TextAloud is the easy, affordable Text to Speech software that's priced from just \$29.95, and which enables PC computer users everywhere to listen to e-mails, websites, stories, novels, textbooks and more -- and not with toneless, robotic-sounding voices, but instead via natural and enjoyable human-sounding speech. The program provides users with the unique ability to listen to their reading anywhere, either in front of the computer, or on the go, via an iPod (R) or even audio CD -- and using a wide variety of potential Premium Voices, accents and vocal choices.

John has gone on to use TextAloud for many years ever since. "I first bought the program to read e-books," he comments. "I am an aural learner, and listening helps me concentrate and comprehend the written word better." He also uses the program to proof letters, documents, and even scripts for errors. "It's easier to hear the errors that way," he comments, "Because the mind doesn't 'fill in' missing words or mistakes."

John has since used the program in conjunction with his Toshiba laptop for everything from script readings (where he can even assign different voices), to learning lines, cues, and even for sound effects onstage! "I enjoy being able to assign different voices for script readings, and also use TextAloud to read aloud others' diaries on Open Diary while I do other things."

As a part of his routine for years now, TextAloud continues to surprise the actor with its versatility, and has gone from being a great occasional tool, to a "must" when memorizing his lines. From reading complicated documents to e-mails, lines, cues, and more, TextAloud has made John a believer, onstage and off.

About [TextAloud](#):

Highly useful for students, scientists, writers, business people, students and people from all walks of life -- TextAloud has been featured in The New York Times, PC Magazine, Writer's Digest, on CNN, and more. Hailed by critics and users alike, TextAloud is priced from \$29.95, and is compatible with systems using Windows (R) 98, NT, 2000, XP and Vista. TextAloud also works seamlessly with iTunes, for easy synching with iPod (R), iPhone (TM), or other iTunes-compatible portable audio players. The program is available for fast, safe and secure purchase via <http://www.NextUp.com>.

NextUp.com also offers TextAloud with optional premium voices from AT&T Natural Voices(TM), Nuance (R), Acapela (R) and Cepstral (R) for the most natural-sounding computer speech anywhere. Available



languages include U.S. English, U.K. English, Indian Accent English, Scottish Accent English, Arabic, Cantonese Chinese, Mandarin Chinese, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Belgian Dutch, Faroese, Finnish, French, Canadian French, German, Icelandic, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Polish, Brazilian Portuguese, European Portuguese, Russian, Castilian (European) Spanish, Latin American Spanish, Mexican Spanish, Swedish, and Turkish.

About NextUp.com:

NextUp.com, a division of NextUp Technologies, LLC, provides award-winning Text to Speech software for consumers, professionals, businesses, educators, and those with visual or vocal impairment, or learning disabilities.

In addition to TextAloud, NextUp.com markets other innovative Windows software designed to save time and deliver vital information. NextUp Talker is an easy and affordable program that allows people who have lost their voices to use the latest in high-quality computer voices to communicate with others.

Evaluation copies of TextAloud are available upon request. For more information on NextUp.com or TextAloud, or for other case studies involving users ranging from writers, editors, and teachers, to students, entrepreneurs, firefighters, doctors, lawyers, truck drivers, musicians, and more, please contact publicist Angela Mitchell at (904) 982-8043 or via Admitchell@Nextup.com.

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