Popular Accessibility Tools for Your Phone

Vision

iOS/Apple

- VoiceOver: narrate your kid's commands, providing auditory feedback for the actions he or she is performing on the device.
- Invert Colors: improves screen clarity with higher contrast
- Zoom: magnifies anything on the screen

Android

- Talk Back: narrate your kid's commands, providing auditory feedback for the actions he or she is performing on the device.
- Magnification Gestures: magnifies anything on the screen.

Both iOS & Android

- Braille Devices Bluetooth to devices
- Camera: can be used to magnify small text by opening the camera and zooming in.

Hearing

iOS/Apple

 Captions and Subtitles can be turned on to caption any media that has been captioned.

Android

 Live Captions: caption all media played on your device.

Both iOS & Android

- Bluetooth: connects to hearing aids directly
- Video Calls: so users can see each other during calls.

Reading

iOS/ Apple

- Speak Selection: text to speech lets you change the rate of speech and highlights words.
- Speak Screen: reads the whole screen.

Android

 Talk Back: a screen reading feature to read aloud text from websites, email and more.

Both iOS & Android

 Font Size, Magnification and High Contrast are available across platforms and allow for customizable experiences for all users.

Voice Assistants

Writing

iOS/Apple

 Shake to Undo: is an easy way to undo mistakes made when typing.

Android

 Switch Access: You can use one or more switches or a keyboard to control your phone rather than using the touch screen.

Both iOS & Android

- Dictation: translates speech to text and has word prediction already turned on.
- Predictive Text: anticipates what word might come next and lessens the amount of typing needed.

Other

iOS/Apple

- Guided Access: temporarily limit access on the device to only one app at a time
- Assistive Touch: lets your child customize hand gestures (such as gestures for zooming in and out).

Android

- Restricted User Profile: temporarily limit access on the device to only one app at a time
- Assistant Menu: an onscreen menu of actions that allow easier onscreen gestures (usually just a tap or small finger swipe) to complete those actions.

Both iOS & Android

 Calendar app: for reminders on assignments, appointments and other things to keep organized.

Between Siri, Samsung Voice and Google Assistant, using your voice to send an email or text, get directions or check your calendar is an easy way to access your digital world.