SpeakABCs

v 1.0

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Cost

The cost for non-for-profit companies/groups, public schools, non-for-profit private schools, government agencies, students, teachers and individuals who are using this software for personal use: **FREE**

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What SpeakABCs is Designed to Do

SpeakABCs is a simple program that teaches children their ABCs. When the child presses an alpha-numeric key the computer responds by speaking the letter or number and displaying it on the screen. This feature may be extremely helpful in teaching blind students the layout of the keyboard. Teachers, parents, or others can change the sound files so the computer will speak the alpha-numeric key in the teacher's, parent's, or other person's voice.

System Requirements

Mac OS X
PPC G3 233 MHz / Intel CPU
128 MB RAM
25 MB Free Hard Drive Space
640x480 Screen Resolution
Speakers
Microphone Optional

Mac OS 8.6 - 9.2.2
PPC CPU
32 MB RAM
25 MB Free Hard Drive Space
640x480 Screen Resolution
Carbonlib 1.6 *
Speakers
Microphone Optional

* Many computers have Carbonlib 1.6 already installed. If Carbonlib 1.6 is not installed it can be downloaded, from Apple's website at:
http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=120047

Installing SpeakABCs

Mac OS X

1. Read the End User Licensing Agreement (EULA). If you find the terms acceptable then proceed to Step 2.

2. Download SpeakABCs for Mac OS X.

3. Once the file is downloaded, if the SpeakABCs.dmg is not automatically mounted, mount the dmg file by double-clicking on the SpeakABCs.dmg.

4. Select the SpeakABCs folder inside the mounted disk image and drag the SpeakABCs folder and its contents to the Applications folder of your hard drive.

5. If you wish, drag the SpeakABCs application to the Dock.
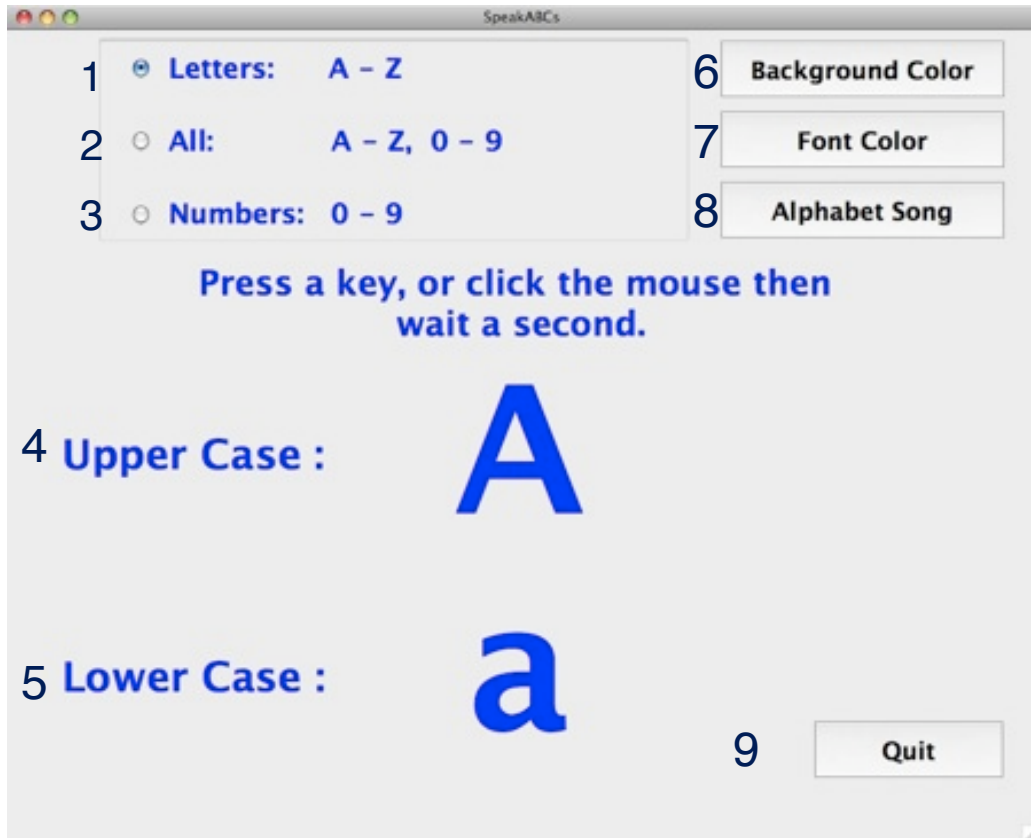
6. SpeakABCs is now ready to be used.

Mac OS 8.6 - 9.2.2

1. Read the End User Licensing Agreement (EULA). If you find the terms acceptable then proceed to Step 2.

2. Download SpeakABCs for Mac OS 8.6 - 9.2.2.

3. Unzip the sit file by double-clicking on the file. If double-clicking does not work, please use Stuffit Expander, to unstuff the file.

4. Place the SpeakABCs folder and its contents in the Applications folder of your hard drive.

5. If you wish, drag the SpeakABCs application to the Launcher.

6. SpeakABCs is now ready to be used.

User Interface

1. Letters

When this radio button is active, only letters A - Z are displayed when the user clicks the mouse or presses an alpha key on the keyboard. Non-alpha keys will not return any value. This setting can also be achieved by the Speak menu or Command L.

2. All

When this radio button is active letters A - Z and numbers 0 - 9 are displayed when the user clicks the mouse or presses an alpha-numeric

key on the keyboard. Nonalpha-numeric keys will not return any value. This setting can also be achieved by the Speak menu or Command A.

3. Numbers

When this radio button is active, only numbers 0 - 9 are displayed when the mouse is clicked or a number key is pressed. Non-number keys will not return any value. This setting can also be achieved by the Speak menu or Command N.

4. Upper Case

This area displays the upper case letter or the number.

5. Lower Case

This area displays the lower case letter or the number.

6. Background Color

This button allows the user to change the background color of the window. This can also be achieved from the Color menu or Command B.

7. Font Color

This button allows the user to change the color of the font. This can also be achieved from the Color menu or Command F.

8. Alphabet Song

This button plays the Alphabet song. This can also be achieved from the Speak menu or Command S.

9. Quit

This button quits the program. Command Q also quits the program.

Changing How SpeakABCs Talks

To change the sounds to the student, teacher, parent or other voice:

1. Record the WAVs in any recording software that you choose. Each letter and number is to have its own file.

2. Name the file for the appropriate alphanumeric sound.
Alphabet letters are named a.wav b.wav c.wav ... z.wav
Numbers are 0.wav 1.wav 2.wav 3.wav ... 9.wav
For the Alphabet Song, its name is abcsong.wav

3. Place the WAV files in SpeakABCs --> WAV_Folder. If the computer asks to replace the file, confirm replacing the file.

4. Start the SpeakABCs program to test your files.

Keyboard Shortcuts

About...................................Shift-Command A
All.......................................Command A
Alphabet Song....................Command S
Background Color...............Command B
Font Color...........................Command F
Help....................................Command ?
Letters................................Command L
Numbers.............................Command N
Quit....................................Command Q