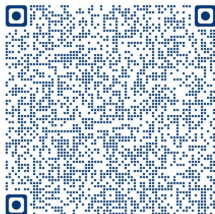


Where do I find the voices? Free "Text-to-Speech" online recording

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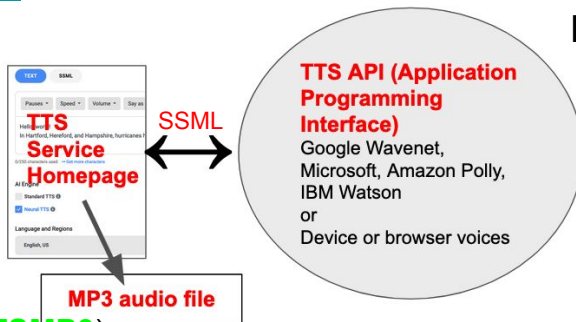


How it works:

- On the TTS Service homepage, user pastes text and chooses voice, speed, etc.
- Homepage sends SSML request to the TTS API
- API processes request and returns an audio file
- Free versions are restricted but ...

What you can do with a TTS web service

- Paste text online, create a voiceover and download the mp3 audio file
- Produce recordings with "speakers" with different ages, genders and regional accents
- Use [Speech Synthesis Markup Language \(SSML\)](#) script to add pauses, emphasis, speed, etc
- Produce dialogues with multiple voices (**TTSMP3**)



Publishing audio:

- YouTube as video, LMS (Moodle), Google Drive & Slides, etc.
- Any server that you can upload mp3 files to
- Use a service that integrates TTS into it's educational tools like [Poolll](#) or [ZenGengo](#)

"TTS services to check out"



VoiceMaker [site](#)



FREETTS [site](#)



TTSMP3 [site](#)



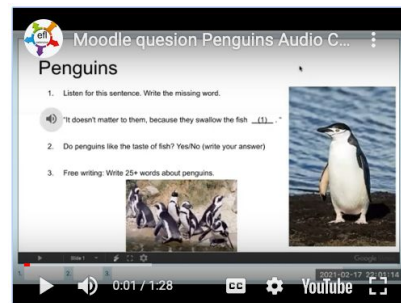
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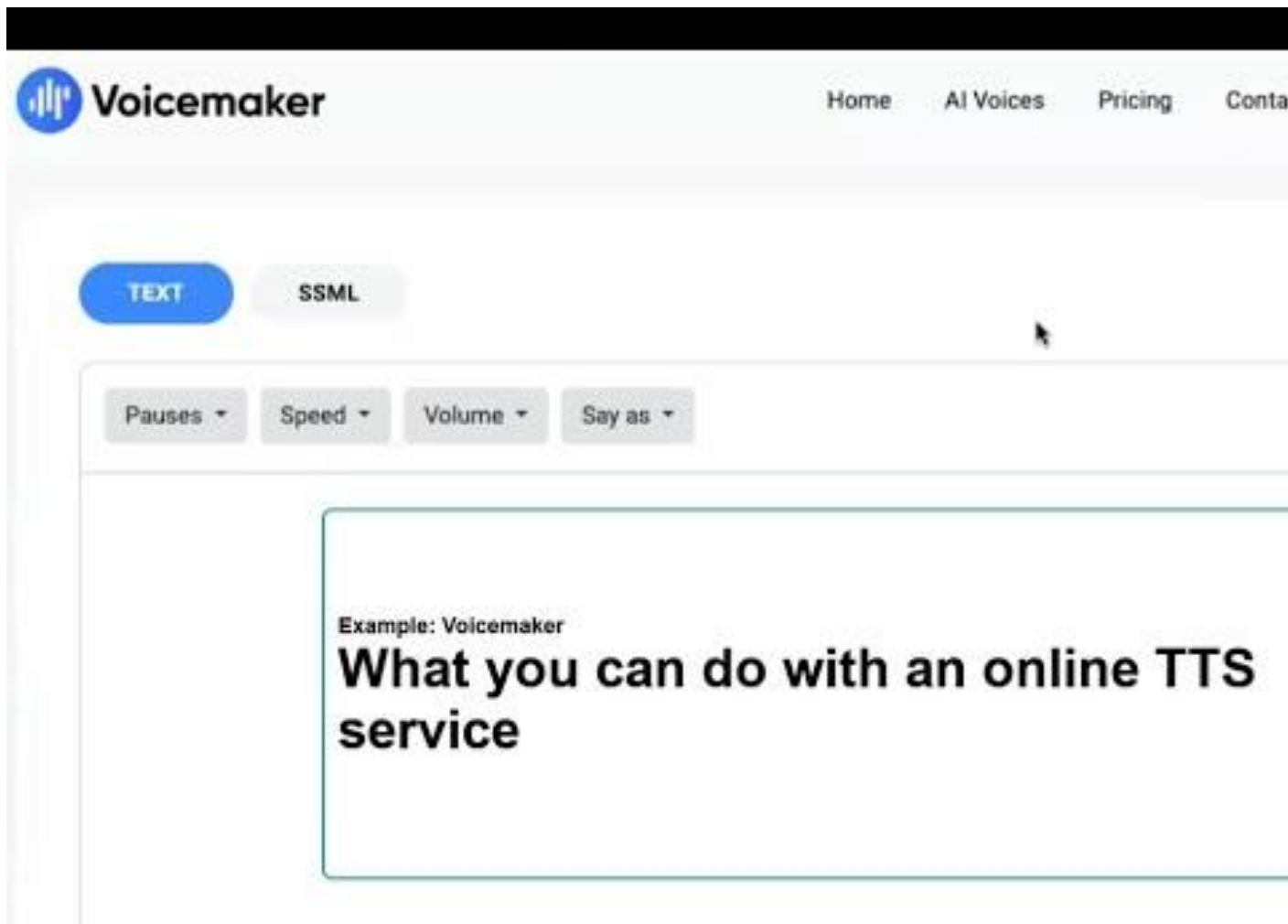
Wikipedia, Google & Moodle

- Text & picture from Wikipedia (Simple English)
- Audio: VoiceMaker
- Published as Google Slide
- Quiz: Moodle



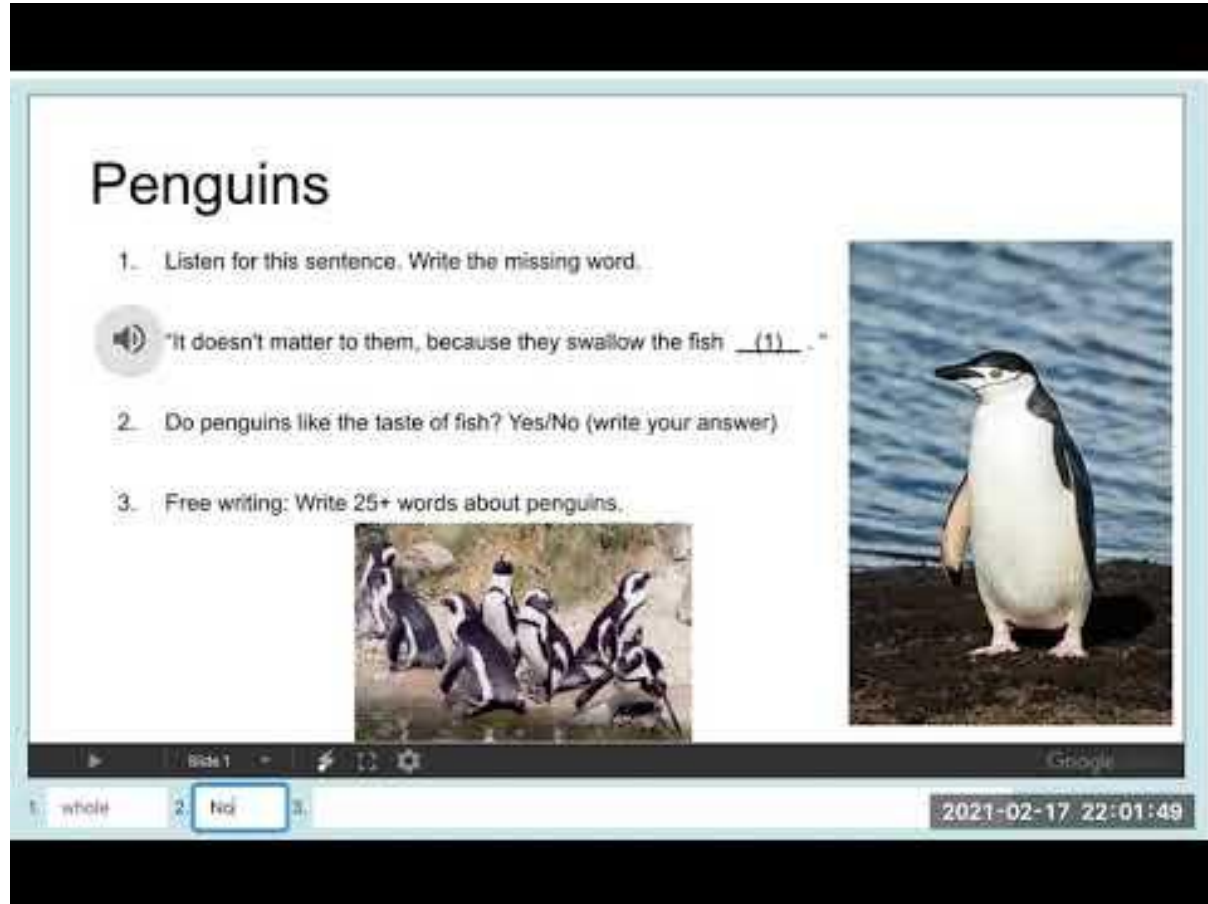
Example:
Voicemaker

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The screenshot shows a Google Slides presentation titled "Penguins". The slide contains three quiz questions:

1. Listen for this sentence. Write the missing word.
It doesn't matter to them, because they swallow the fish (1) .
2. Do penguins like the taste of fish? Yes/No (write your answer)
3. Free writing: Write 25+ words about penguins.

There are two images of penguins: one on the right showing a single penguin standing on a rocky shore, and one in the center showing a group of penguins on a rocky shore. The slide is part of a presentation titled "Slide 1" and includes a "Google" logo in the bottom right corner. A quiz interface at the bottom shows the question "1. whole", "2. No", and "3." with "No" selected. A timestamp in the bottom right corner reads "2021-02-17 22:01:49".

Example TTSMP3:

Speech

Synthesis

Markup

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What if
the free
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is not
enough?



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.ttsmp3.com>. The page features the TTSMP3.com logo and the text "Free Text-To-Speech and Text-to-MP3 for US English". A central advertisement for Parallels Desktop 17 for Mac is displayed, with the text "MacでWindowsが動く。何千種類ものWindowsプログラムをMacで実行。お試しくたさい！" and a blue "今すぐ購入" button. At the bottom of the page, there is a small text block: "Easily convert your US English text into professional speech for free. Perfect for creating presentations, YouTube videos and increasing the accessibility of your website. Our voices pronounce your text in their own language using a specific accent! Plus, these texts can be downloaded as MP3 in some languages. Multiple voices are available." A timestamp in the bottom right corner reads "2022-05-31 14:50:34".

Some TTS services to check out

Company	price/free	quality	service	url	Comments
VoiceMaker	Free -500 char - unlimited recordings	good		https://voicemaker.in/	good controls & control
TTSMP3	free 3000 char/day	mid	AWS Polly	https://ttsmp3.com/	Can buy more char / day or year Dialogues!!
TTS Free.com	Free - no SSML - 50 conversions at 500 char each	good		https://ttsfree.com	SSML from \$50/year
Free TTS	free 6000 char/week	mid	Google	https://freetts.com/	Can buy more char / day, week etc.
Text to Speech	free / doesn't seem to be a limit	robotic	Microsoft's SpeechSynthesizer API or MS "desktop"	https://texttospeech.freebuinessapps.net/en/text-to-speech	low quality but unlimited?