

Helping your learner listen to audiobooks

There are thousands of books available online, from autobiographies to the latest crime thriller. What's more, you can get them in audio format, meaning you can listen whenever you want.

This guide will show you how to familiarise your learner with downloading and listening to audiobooks for both Apple and Android users.

*Instructions may vary according to your device model.

What you'll cover

1. Registering on Google Play and Apple Books
2. Listening to audiobooks on Google Play and Apple Books

Remember: This is about helping your learner build confidence. Encourage them to carry out each step themselves and avoid doing it for them. If they do get stuck, feel free to show them, but make sure they watch and understand what you have done.

Registering on Google Play and Apple Books

Before they start their listening experience, your learner will need to register an account with either Google Play or the Apple App Store via Apple ID or login if they already have an account set up.

Google Play

1. Have your learner open the web browser
2. Get them to select the address/search bar
3. Have them type in play.google.com and press return/enter
4. They should then click on 'Sign up'. Your learner can sign up using their Google account. If they don't have one, they will need to create one by entering their name, email address and a password.

Have them select 'Next' to create an account and agree to Google Play's terms and conditions. Their account will then be set up and ready to go.

Google Play also has an app (Google Play Books & Audiobooks) they can download via the Apple App Store or the Play Store, which means your learner can listen to audiobooks on the go.



To find out more about downloading an app, your learner can follow a factsheet on that topic by either clicking the link or typing it into their web browser: bt.com/seniorskills

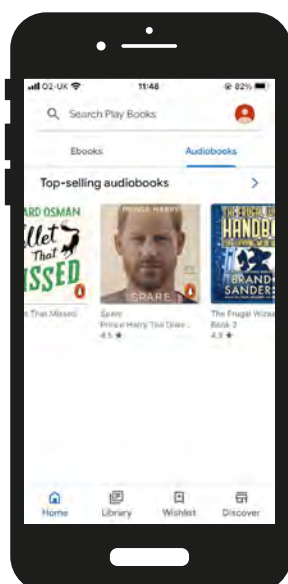
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2. Then they can select 'Audiobooks'
3. They can browse the list, or search for the audiobook that they would like to listen to
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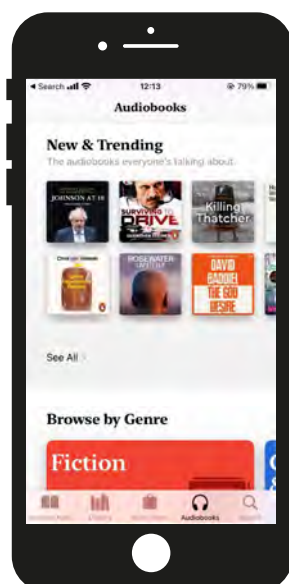


Apple Books

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Other audiobook providers:

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- **Audible:** www.audible.co.uk
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Links to further learning

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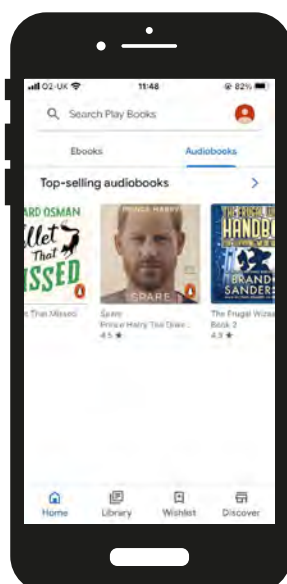
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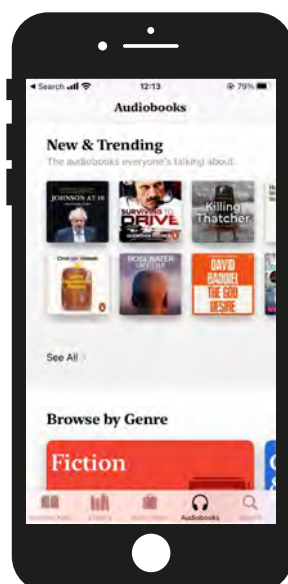


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