

Instructions for Creating a Voice Design

This guide gives you step by step instructions for creating a Voice Design with SpeakUnique.

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Before you begin

We offer two different ways to access our Voice Design service.

Using old recordings of your voice we can recreate your speech in a synthetic voice. Recordings must meet the below criteria:

1. File(s) in .wav, .mp3, .mp4, .mov or other digital formats
2. There is at least 5 minutes of the target individual speaking, highest quality voices are created with between 15 – 20 minutes of speech
3. This must be free of loud background noises e.g. music playing or many people speaking at once
4. There cannot be multiple people speaking over each other
5. If the recording contains more than one speaker, it needs to be clear whose voice we want to create; you can email any clarifications to us at support@SpeakUnique.co.uk

Using Voice Donors, we can create a bespoke voice for you, that matches your desired accent, age and gender. We will blend together two voice donors to create a bespoke voice that will not sound like either one of the donors: instead it will be a voice just for you. You can either nominate your own voice donors or get in touch with us and we might be able to use our existing bank of donor voices.

Device compatibility

Before you start recording, please ensure the device you want to use your voice on (e.g. communication aid, phone or tablet) is compatible with SpeakUnique voices.

Apple Devices

On Apple devices, SpeakUnique voices can only be used on the SpeakUnique app for iOS. The app will run on iPhones and iPads running iOS11 or higher

Android Devices

On Android devices, SpeakUnique voices can be used only through the SpeakUnique app for Android. Due to the large range of Android devices, SpeakUnique voices are not supported across all devices. A full list of compatible devices can be found at <https://www.speakunique.co.uk/su-upload/CurrentAndroidDevices.pdf> or search “SpeakUnique” on your device’s Play store. If the app is available to download, then the voice will be supported.

Windows Devices

For Windows devices, the voices are provided in SAPI5 format where they can be accessed by any software on the device that supports synthetic voices. We do not offer our own SpeakUnique software/ app for Windows devices.

Registering for an account

Visit www.speakunique.co.uk and click **Sign Up/ Login**.



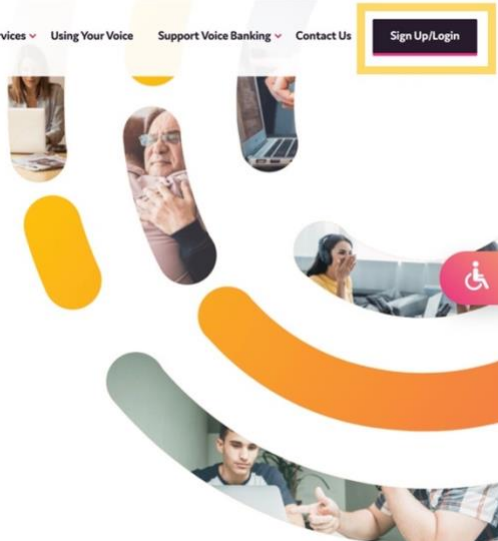
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[Sign Up/Login](#)

Welcome to SpeakUnique

Voice banking solutions for all speech needs.

In your own words.



To register for a new account, please enter your **email address** and click **Begin Registration**



New to SpeakUnique?

Start with your email address:

☐ I agree to the [privacy policy](#) and [terms of use](#).
(These links will open in a new window.)

[Begin Registration >](#)

Registered already?

Enter your email address:

Enter your password:

[Login >](#)

[Forgot your password?](#)

[< Cancel](#)

Enter your first name, last name and choose a password. We'd love to know how you found out about us and you can decide if you would like to be kept up to date on our news through our mailing list! Then click **Continue**.



Let's get to know each other:

Fields marked with a red star * are required for registration.

First name*

Last name*

Choose a password*

How did you hear about SpeakUnique?





Would you like to join our marketing list? ☐

[← Cancel](#) [Continue →](#)

This guide will show you how to create a **Voice Design**, click **Get Started**.



Please select one of our voice bank services:

Voice Build  £175 If your speech is not yet affected. A synthetic replica of your own voice. Get Started	Voice Repair  £250 If your speech is already affected. For if your voice is slow, slurred, or the pitch has changed. A repaired version of your voice. Get Started	Voice Design  £300 Use old recordings of your voice. OR Create a bespoke voice from voice donors. Get Started	Healthcare Professionals  Free trial of Voice Build for healthcare professionals. Please register with your professional email address. Get Started
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Not sure? [Find out more about our services here](#) or contact our support team at support@speakunique.co.uk

Please complete your personal details. You do not need to provide us with your medical condition if you do not want to, but we ask for this information to help us better understand how to design your synthetic voice.



Let's get to know each other

We collect this information to help us create your synthetic voice.

<p>What is your medical diagnosis or condition?</p> <input type="text"/>	<p>Please select your date of birth *</p> <p>Day... <input type="text"/> Month... <input type="text"/> Year... <input type="text"/></p> <p>Please select your gender *</p> <p>Male <input type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> Other <input type="radio"/></p>
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Please note that you do not need to provide the information set out on this page and you can proceed to the next page without completing these fields. However, in order to improve our understanding of how to null your voice, you can complete the information on this page.

Next →

For the purposes of applicable data protection law, SpeakUnique Limited ("SpeakUnique", "we", "us") is a controller of personal data you provide by submitting this form. By completing this form, you consent to your personal data being collected and processed by us in order to improve our understanding of how to build, repair or design your voice in accordance with our Privacy Notice at www.speakunique.co.uk/privacy-policy You can withdraw your consent at any time by emailing privacy@speakunique.co.uk.

Please let us know what **accent** you would like your synthetic voice to have; this could either be the accent of your voice in your old recordings, or the accent you want your bespoke voice to have. If you are already using a **communication aid**, please let us know so we can ensure your new synthetic voice will be compatible with existing hardware.



What accent should your synthetic voice have? *

Country:

Please select

Region/County/State:

Please select

Do you currently use a communication aid?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, what communication aid are you using?

Next →

Your registration is now complete, and you can continue to select your Voice Design method now. You will receive an email to confirm your account has been created.



Thanks for signing up to SpeakUnique.

Your account has successfully been created.

A confirmation email has been sent to the email address you provided. Please use this email address and the password you set at registration to log back in to your account.

You are now ready to start creating your synthetic voice design.

Start Now →

Now pick if you would like to use old recordings of your voice or nominate voice donors to design your voice.



Please select between our two Voice Design methods:

Create a synthetic voice from old audio recordings

To create a synthetic voice from old recordings of your voice, the recordings must be:

- just you speaking
- no background noise
- at least 5 minutes of audio (can be across multiple clips)

Upload

Create a bespoke synthetic voice from voice donors

We can take donor voice recordings and blend these together to create a bespoke synthetic voice for you.

To do this, we require two donor voices. We recommend the donors match the voice you want in regional accent, age and gender.

Get Started

Not sure? Contact our support team at <support@peakunique.co.uk>

Please skip to the relevant section below:

[Using Old Recordings](#)

[Using Voice Donors](#)

Using old recordings

If you would like to use old recordings of you speaking to create a synthetic voice, please click "Upload".



Please select between our two Voice Design methods:

Create a synthetic voice from old audio recordings	Create a bespoke synthetic voice from voice donors
<p>To create a synthetic voice from old recordings of your voice, the recordings must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- just you speaking- no background noise- at least 5 minutes of audio (can be across multiple clips) <p>Upload</p>	<p>We can take donor voice recordings and blend these together to create a bespoke synthetic voice for you.</p> <p>To do this, we require two donor voices. We recommend the donors match the voice you want in regional accent, age and gender.</p> <p>Get Started</p>

Not sure? Contact our support team at <support@peakunique.co.uk>


Click **Choose Files** to select the files you would like to upload to SpeakUnique.



Your Account

[Logout](#)

Drag & drop files here to upload them into your SpeakUnique account



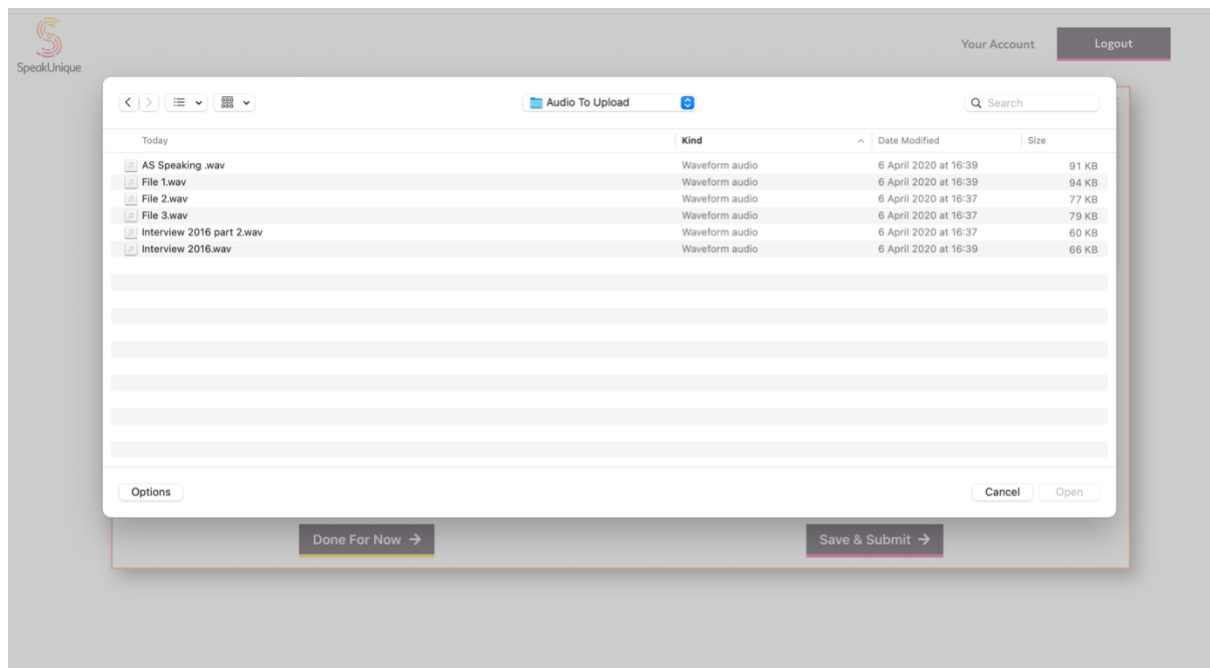
or [Choose files](#) No file chosen and click [UPLOAD](#)

THANK YOU!

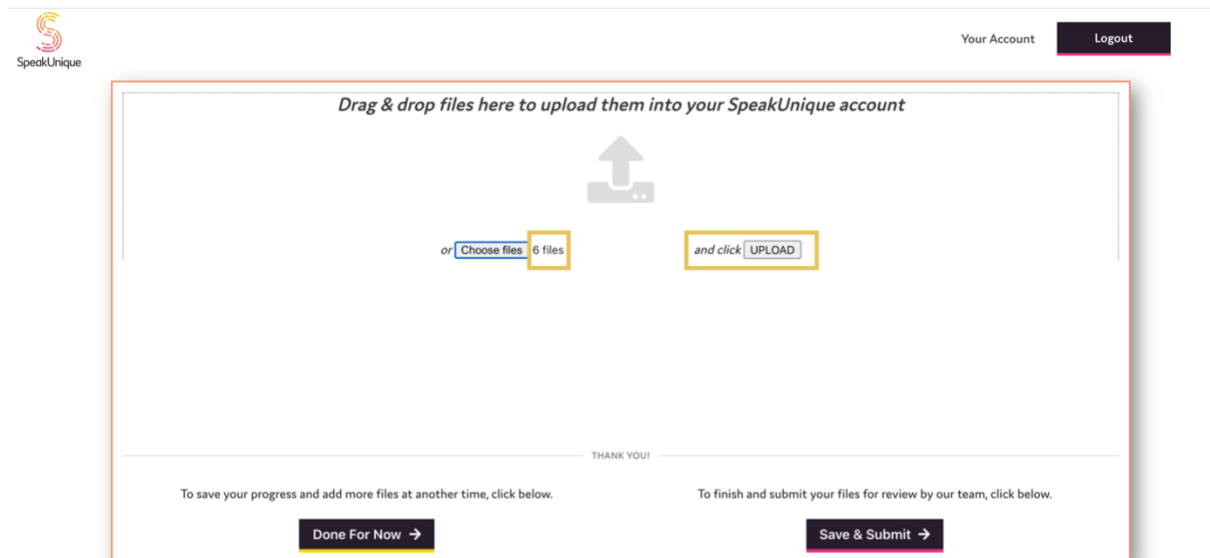
To save your progress and add more files at another time, click below. [Done For Now →](#)

To finish and submit your files for review by our team, click below. [Save & Submit →](#)

A window will open showing the files available on your computer. Please select the files you would like to upload to SpeakUnique and click **Open**

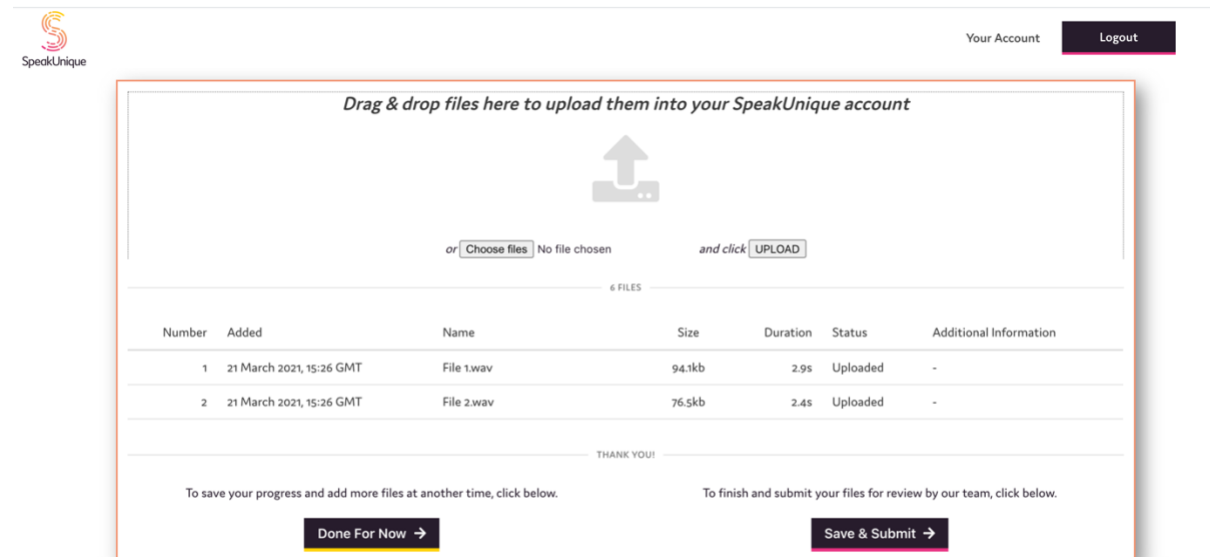


The number of files you have selected will show next to the **Choose File** button. Please click **Upload** to upload the files to SpeakUnique.



A list of the files you have uploaded to SpeakUnique will show in the space below. Once you have uploaded all your files, please click **Save and Submit** to submit the files to SpeakUnique for review.

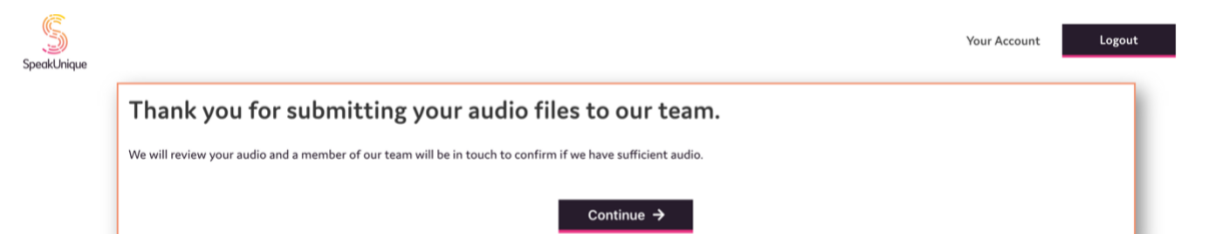
If you would like to come back and upload more audio at a later date, please use the **Save For Now** button - please note this will not submit your audio for review.



The screenshot shows the SpeakUnique web interface. At the top left is the SpeakUnique logo. At the top right are links for "Your Account" and "Logout". The main area is a large box with a header "Drag & drop files here to upload them into your SpeakUnique account" and a large upward arrow icon. Below the icon are two buttons: "Choose files" and "UPLOAD". Below these buttons is a table with 6 files. The table has columns: Number, Added, Name, Size, Duration, Status, and Additional Information. The table contains two rows of data. Below the table are two buttons: "Done For Now" and "Save & Submit".

Number	Added	Name	Size	Duration	Status	Additional Information
1	21 March 2021, 15:26 GMT	File 1.wav	94.1kb	2.9s	Uploaded	-
2	21 March 2021, 15:26 GMT	File 2.wav	76.5kb	2.4s	Uploaded	-

Clicking **Save and Submit** will confirm that your audio has been submitted for approval by our team.



The screenshot shows a confirmation message box. It has the SpeakUnique logo at the top left and "Your Account" and "Logout" links at the top right. The main text says "Thank you for submitting your audio files to our team." followed by "We will review your audio and a member of our team will be in touch to confirm if we have sufficient audio." Below this text is a "Continue" button.

You will receive an email once a member of our team has reviewed your audio . If your audio is approved, we will start creating your synthetic voice and will have samples ready for you to listen to in 3-5 business days. If there is an issue with your audio, a member of our team will be in touch to let you know what the issues are.

Please skip to [Listening to your Voice Design](#).

Using Voice Donors

If you would like to use Voice Donors to create your Voice Design, please click **Get Started**



Please select between our two Voice Design methods:

Create a synthetic voice from old audio recordings

To create a synthetic voice from old recordings of your voice, the recordings must be:

- just you speaking
- no background noise
- at least 5 minutes of audio (can be across multiple clips)

Upload

Create a bespoke synthetic voice from voice donors

We can take donor voice recordings and blend these together to create a bespoke synthetic voice for you.

To do this, we require two donor voices. We recommend the donors match the voice you want in regional accent, age and gender.

Get Started

Not sure? Contact our support team at <support@speakunique.co.uk>

Your voice donors will need to register for an account at www.speakunique.co.uk/donor and input their **unique donor code** during their registration. The status of each donor will show on this page.



Voice Donor One

Please share the link below with your voice donor:

<https://www.speakunique.co.uk/donor>

And their unique donor code

1111 - 1111

Status: Waiting for voice donor to register

Voice Donor Two

Please share the link below with your voice donor:

<https://www.speakunique.co.uk/donor>

And their unique donor code

2222 - 2222

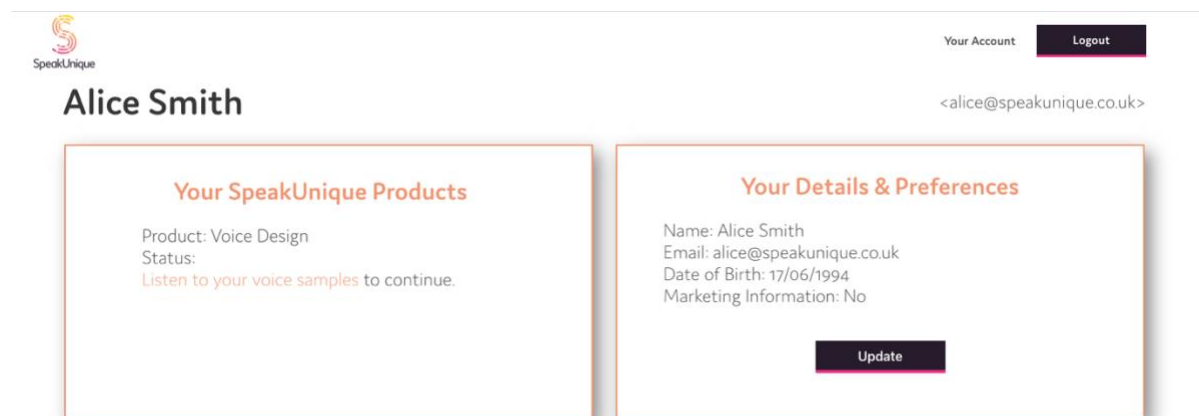
Status: Waiting for voice donor to register

If you do not have any suitable voice donors, or if you only have one available voice donor, please email <info@speakunique.co.uk> with the accent, gender and approximate age of the voice you would like. We may be able to use one of our existing voice donors.

You will be notified by email once both of your Voice Donors have completed their recordings. We will then generate your synthetic voice within 3 – 5 business days.

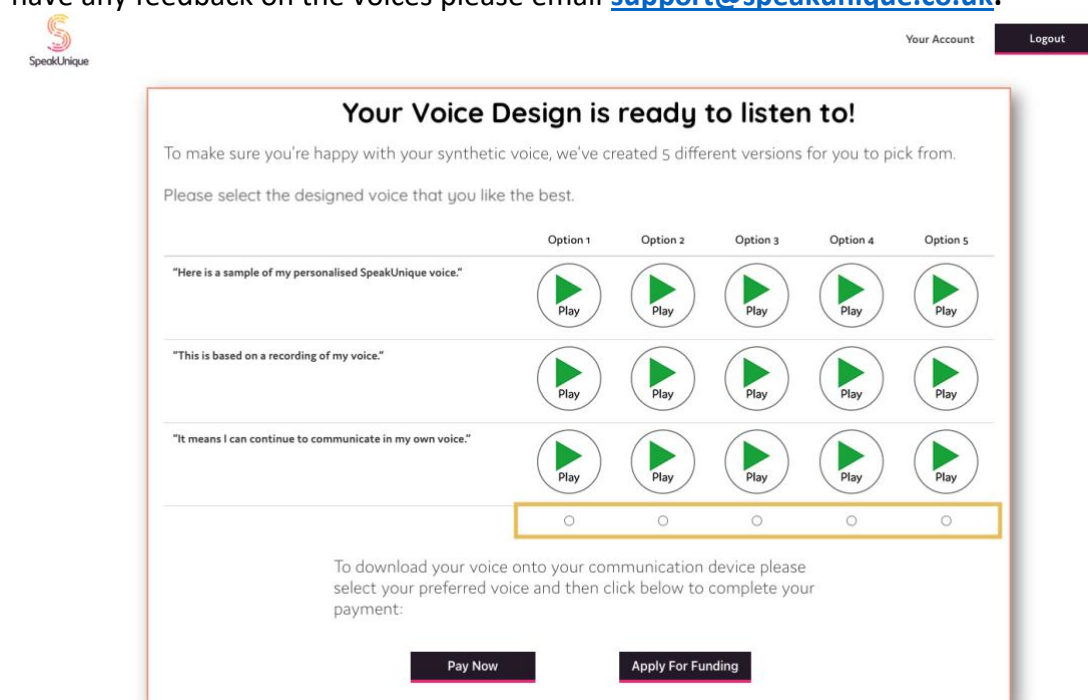
Listening to your Voice Design

You will be notified by email once your synthetic voice has been generated. Log into your account at www.speakunique.co.uk and click **Download/listen to samples of your synthetic voice**.



The screenshot shows the user dashboard for Alice Smith. At the top left is the SpeakUnique logo. At the top right are links for 'Your Account' and 'Logout', and the email address '<alice@speakunique.co.uk>'. The dashboard is divided into two main sections: 'Your SpeakUnique Products' and 'Your Details & Preferences'. The 'Your SpeakUnique Products' section shows 'Product: Voice Design' and 'Status: Listen to your voice samples to continue.' The 'Your Details & Preferences' section shows 'Name: Alice Smith', 'Email: alice@speakunique.co.uk', 'Date of Birth: 17/06/1994', and 'Marketing Information: No', with an 'Update' button below.

We will generate at least one version of your synthetic voice. If more than one version of your voice has been generated, you will need to pick which version of the voice you like the best. The voice option can be selected using the circle button below the voice. Before you proceed to payment or funding for the voice, please ensure you have selected which voice you would like to use. If you have any feedback on the voices please email support@speakunique.co.uk.



The screenshot shows the 'Your Voice Design is ready to listen to!' page. It instructs the user to select the best voice from 5 options. The options are presented in a table with three rows of sample text and five columns of 'Play' buttons. Below the table is a row of five radio buttons for selection. At the bottom, there are instructions to download the voice and two buttons: 'Pay Now' and 'Apply For Funding'.

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
"Here is a sample of my personalised SpeakUnique voice."					
"This is based on a recording of my voice."					
"It means I can continue to communicate in my own voice."					
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Payment and funding for Voice Design

You can opt to self-fund the voice via a secure online payment by clicking **Pay Now**. If you wish to complete a funding application, please click **Apply for Funding** and follow the below steps.



Your Account

Logout

Your Voice Design is ready to listen to!

To make sure you're happy with your synthetic voice, we've created 5 different versions for you to pick from.

Please select the designed voice that you like the best.

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
"Here is a sample of my personalised SpeakUnique voice."					
"This is based on a recording of my voice."					
"It means I can continue to communicate in my own voice."					
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

To download your voice onto your communication device please select your preferred voice and then click below to complete your payment:

[Pay Now](#)[Apply For Funding](#)

Our current funding partnerships are shown, alongside eligibility criteria.



Your Account

Logout

A selection of charities will fund a SpeakUnique voice for communication aids. Please see below for the charities that will currently fund our voices and the eligibility criteria for each fund.

Motor Neurone Disease Scotland

MND Scotland will fund 100% of the cost of SpeakUnique products for those resident in Scotland who have a confirmed diagnosis of Motor Neurone Disease or Kennedy's Disease.

[Apply →](#)

Motor Neurone Disease Association

The MND Association will fund 100% of the cost of SpeakUnique products for those resident in England, Northern Ireland or Wales, who have a confirmed diagnosis of Motor Neurone Disease or Kennedy's Disease.

[Apply →](#)

Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Association

PSPA are able to offer funding for SpeakUnique products for those who live in the UK with a confirmed diagnosis of PSP or CBD. Please note you will need to provide contact details of a healthcare professional to apply.

[Apply →](#)

If you are eligible and wish to apply for funding, please click "Apply" and fill out the required information. This will then be sent to the selected charity for approval.

You will be notified by email whether your application for funding is successful.

The steps for applying for funding are specific to each charity but the required information will be shown on screen. For example, the **MND Association** application is shown below.

Apply for MND Association Funding

To apply for funding to cover the cost of your SpeakUnique voice from the MND Association please complete this form:

Name*	<input type="text"/>
Address*	<input type="text"/>
Postcode*	<input type="text"/>
Phone number*	<input type="text"/>
Email address*	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth*	<input type="text"/>
Speech & Language Therapist (SLT) details (if applicable)	<input type="text"/>
Doctor/GP details*	<input type="text"/>
Date of Diagnosis*	<input type="text"/>

Applications for funding from PSPA require endorsement from a healthcare professional. You are required to provide the email address of the healthcare professional endorsing your application for funding. An automatic email will be sent to them explaining what they need to do.

Apply for PSPA Funding

To apply for funding to cover the cost of your SpeakUnique voice from PSPA please complete this form.

The details you enter will be sent to the named healthcare professional and PSPA, alongside the message below asking the healthcare professional to endorse your application for funding from PSPA. We will notify you by email on the outcome of your funding application.

<table> <tr> <td>Name*</td> <td><input type="text"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Phone number*</td> <td><input type="text"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Email address*</td> <td><input type="text" value="alice@speakunique.co.uk"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>SpeakUnique Product</td> <td><input type="text" value="Voice Design"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cost</td> <td><input type="text" value="£ 300"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Name of healthcare professional endorsing application for Support Grant*</td> <td><input type="text"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contact details for healthcare professional*</td> <td><input type="text"/></td> </tr> </table>	Name*	<input type="text"/>	Phone number*	<input type="text"/>	Email address*	<input type="text" value="alice@speakunique.co.uk"/>	SpeakUnique Product	<input type="text" value="Voice Design"/>	Cost	<input type="text" value="£ 300"/>	Name of healthcare professional endorsing application for Support Grant*	<input type="text"/>	Contact details for healthcare professional*	<input type="text"/>	<p>Below is a preview of the email that we will send on your behalf to your healthcare professional</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p><small>Date: Thu, 18 Mar 2021</small></p> <p><small>To:</small></p> <p><small>From: SpeakUnique <support@speakunique.co.uk></small></p> <p><small>Subject: PSPA funding request for a SpeakUnique voice</small></p> </div> <p>[Your name] has applied for funding through PSPA for the cost of a SpeakUnique voice.</p> <p>They have nominated you as a healthcare professional to support this application.</p> <p>Please respond to this email, ensuring PSPA is cc'ed, confirming that you endorse this application and give a short overview of why this service would be beneficial to the individual.</p> <p>If the individual applying for funding is a resident in Scotland, please give a reason why the SpeakUnique voice cannot be funded through NHS Scotland's provision of communication aids.</p> <p>Details of the individual applying for funding:</p> <p><small>Name:</small></p> <p><small>Phone number:</small></p> <p><small>Email address: alice@speakunique.co.uk</small></p> <p><small>SpeakUnique product: Voice Design</small></p> <p><small>Cost: £300</small></p>
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Phone number*	<input type="text"/>														
Email address*	<input type="text" value="alice@speakunique.co.uk"/>														
SpeakUnique Product	<input type="text" value="Voice Design"/>														
Cost	<input type="text" value="£ 300"/>														
Name of healthcare professional endorsing application for Support Grant*	<input type="text"/>														
Contact details for healthcare professional*	<input type="text"/>														

Downloading your Voice Design

The **Download Now** button will appear once your voice has been purchased or your funding has been approved.


















Your Account

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Your Voice Design is ready to listen to!

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Please select the designed voice that you like the best.

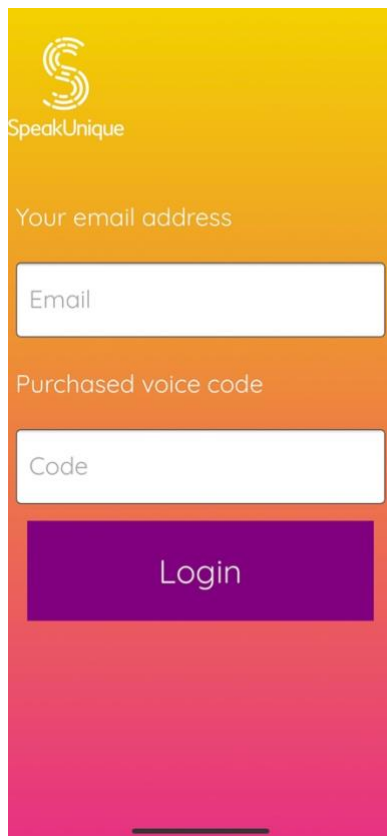
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"This is based on a recording of my voice."					
"It means I can continue to communicate in my own voice."					
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Download Now

To download the voice onto Apple and Android devices, please search for **SpeakUnique** on your device's app store and download SpeakUnique.




You will need to log into the app with your email address and **Purchased Voice Code**.




The image shows the login screen of the SpeakUnique app. It has a yellow-to-pink gradient background. At the top left is the SpeakUnique logo (a stylized 'S' with a speech bubble) and the text 'SpeakUnique'. Below this is the label 'Your email address' followed by a white text input field with the placeholder text 'Email'. Underneath is the label 'Purchased voice code' followed by another white text input field with the placeholder text 'Code'. At the bottom is a large purple button with the text 'Login' in white. A thin horizontal line is visible at the very bottom of the screen.

You can find the **Purchased voice code** by clicking the Apple or Android tab on your online account at www.speakunique.co.uk.



The image shows a section of the SpeakUnique website. At the top left is the SpeakUnique logo. At the top right are the links 'Your Account' and 'Logout'. The main heading is 'Download Voice'. Below this heading are three tabs: 'Apple' (highlighted with a yellow box), 'Android', and 'Windows'. Below the tabs is the heading 'Voice Build'. Underneath this is a line of text: 'Click below to reveal your code, then enter this code into the SpeakUnique app on your Apple device.' Below this text is a grey rectangular area containing a row of ten asterisks: '* * * * *'. The entire section is separated from the rest of the page by a horizontal line.

To use the voice on a **Windows** device, you will need to install the voice in SAPI5 format. Installation instructions can be found on the left and the file to download on the right of the page.


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Our guide to installing your voice onto your device is available as a PDF file.
Click below to view it:


Installation
Guide

Click the button below to download your voice file for installation onto your Windows device.

[Download code \(optional\)](#)

Download
Voice

Thank you for using SpeakUnique.

If you have any additional questions or issues during the recording or downloading your voice, please email us at support@speakunique.co.uk.