

Does the nook do text-to-speech like the Kindle?

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Someone asked this question:

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<http://nooktalk.net/nook-faq.html>
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The answer given was: "No, it doesn't. This feature is restricted on the Kindle to certain books (like lending on the nook)."

Although that answer was technically correct, I'd like to give an alternate answer:

There is an external program called Balabolka (<http://www.cross-plus-a.com/balabolka.htm>) that will read Nook ebooks out loud on your PC. You need to install the program on your PC (Microsoft Windows XP/Vista/7/8), and then open the EPUB file in it. The free voice I use is Microsoft Mary (SAPI 4) using settings of 142 for Rate, and 170 for pitch (YMMV). I like it better than listening to audio-books.

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