

**iPad Features**  
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<b>General Features</b>	
<p><b><u>Physical Features</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated technologies - speakers, headphone jack, microphone</li> <li>• No up or down position</li> <li>• Lightweight/ Portable</li> <li>• Cordless</li> <li>• Long battery life (e.g. 6-8 hours)</li> <li>• Small size</li> <li>• Affordable: less than \$1000</li> <li>• Built in camera/video</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Operation</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy to learn/understand</li> <li>• No previous technology experience needed</li> <li>• One Touch Operation</li> <li>• Few steps to operate</li> <li>• Multiple-uses</li> <li>• Ability to multi-task.</li> <li>• Fast movement between tasks</li> <li>• Easy to start/stop/setup- Instant on</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Social Aspects</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally available to the public</li> <li>• Engaging and motivating</li> <li>• Lack of stigma</li> <li>• Speaks in different languages</li> <li>• Built-in alarms / reminders</li> <li>• Options for distance communication with visual display</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Work/Use Environment:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immediate access to information via wifi &amp; optional 3G</li> <li>• Bluetooth capabilities</li> <li>• Synchronization options with other devices &amp; cloud</li> <li>• Pass code protected restrictions (internet, downloading, deleting, content rating, etc)</li> <li>• Easy sharing via email, text message, internet uploads, facebook, etc.</li> <li>• Easily accessorized (e.g. covers, screen protectors,</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Possible Disadvantages</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difficult to create extensive or complicated files (e.g. term papers, spread sheets)</li> <li>• Can be fragile</li> <li>• Limited technical support for apps</li> <li>• Less customization</li> <li>• Not qualified for insurance funding.</li> <li>• Can only print to printers that allow wireless printing.</li> <li>• Limited memory for large files.</li> <li>• No USB or memory card slot</li> <li>• Can only use or see one app at a time-more difficult to go between apps on an iOS device than on a computer.</li> </ul>	

Access Features	
<p><b><u>Features Related to Vision:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crisp and vivid picture quality</li> <li>• Screen magnification</li> <li>• Environmental magnification (with camera)</li> <li>• Smaller screen-less tracking</li> <li>• Rotate/lock screen for landscape or portrait views</li> <li>• Wide viewing angle</li> <li>• Screen brightness controls - works except in bright sunlight</li> <li>• Adjustable text size</li> <li>• VoiceOver: Hear options displayed on the screen when you touch the screen</li> <li>• Capability of white on black for contrast</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Features Related to Motor:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optional external keyboards</li> <li>• Multiple case &amp; mounting options</li> <li>• Basic abbreviation/expansion system-wide thru keyboard options</li> <li>• Word completion to reduce needed keystrokes</li> <li>• Basic abbreviation/expansion, system-wide thru keyboard options</li> <li>• AssistiveTouch-create your own gestures</li> <li>• AssistiveTouch - customizable shortcuts for touch screen gestures</li> <li>• Easily used in multiple positions in space</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Features Related to Hearing:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjustable Speaking Rate</li> <li>• Adequate volume</li> <li>• Recording capability allows audio review</li> <li>• Stereo/mono audio options allow increased volume in one ear.</li> <li>• Vibrate options for alerts</li> <li>• Optional external speakers for amplification</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Features Related to Learning/Literacy</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Word completion</li> <li>• Easily hidden hardware controls</li> <li>• Auto text corrections (verbal and physical)</li> <li>• Consistent interface for all apps</li> <li>• Voice control / voice out options</li> <li>• Easily hidden app controls and</li> <li>• App lock out for individual users</li> <li>• Ability to choose to watch something through the camera</li> <li>• Ability to watch self through camera.</li> </ul>