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Gradium

The Insider's Guide

Real-time voice AI API for speech, transcription and voice cloning



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among AI voice generators, read from Gradium's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Gradium's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Gradium's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 47 of the 72 other AI voice generators we grade

Gradium sells voice AI models through an API and a web studio: text-to-speech, speech-to-text, live voice translation, voice cloning and voice design from a text prompt. Plans are metered in monthly credits, with a free tier and extra credits billed as you go. It also publishes an open, on-device text-to-speech model called Phonon.

> "It is an API first, so there is code to write, with a web studio for trying voices."
>
> From our grade for ease of use

To get you started, here are **9 things to know about Gradium**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

1 **Best for voice AI through an API, from developers**

Gradium sells text-to-speech, speech-to-text, voice cloning and live translation through an API and a web studio, with a free plan of 45,000 credits.

2 **Paid plans start at $12 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $12 per month, billed yearly ($13 billed monthly).

3 There is a free plan

45k credits a month with text-to-speech, speech-to-text and voice design, which is about 1 hour of speech.

4 It runs on Web

Web.

5 Text-to-speech

Costs 1 credit per character; the pricing page says about 45,000 characters is roughly an hour of audio.

6 Speech-to-text

Transcription is billed at 3 credits per second of audio, or 4 credits per second with translation.

7 Live voice translation

Speech-to-speech translation costs 30 credits per second, the most credit-hungry feature on the page.

8 A 2.4 GPA, above 47 of 72

That is against the other AI voice generators we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

9 Keep it

To replace Gradium you would be making a voice model, which you can rent by the minute but not make. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

Gradium at a glance

PRICING
Free plan, from $12 per month, billed yearly ($13 billed monthly)

FREE PLAN
Yes

FREE TRIAL
None stated

RUNS ON
Web

MADE BY
Gradium

CATEGORY
AI Voices & Text to Speech

OUR GRADE
2.4 GPA, fair

The report card

Best for voice AI through an API, from developers

Gradium sells text-to-speech, speech-to-text, voice cloning and live translation through an API and a web studio, with a free plan of 45,000 credits. That is about an hour of speech a month, commercial use starts at $12, and credits don't roll over, so heavy use gets pricey quickly.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **Gradium** — Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	Paid plans start at $12 a month billed yearly ($13 monthly), about the middle of what voice tools charge. M is $312 and L $1,480 a month for the larger volumes.
Free plan and trial	C	Free plan of 45,000 credits a month, about 1 hour of speech, with up to 5 custom voices and no commercial use. You'll reach that in a week or two of real work.
Features	B	Speech both ways, translation, 10-second clones, designed voices and data controls on paid plans. Nothing in the listing shows a gap in the job, though pro clones start on the $312 plan.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. It is an API first, so there is code to write, with a web studio for trying voices.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web studio and an API, deployable via Baseten and SageMaker. No desktop or phone app is listed.

Grade point average — Fair, out of 4.0 **2.4**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who Gradium is for

- ✓ Fits if you are a developer adding voice to an app through an API
- ✓ Makes sense if you need cloned or designed voices and care about data controls

Who it is not for

- ✕ Tight if you stay free: about an hour of speech a month and no commercial use
- ✕ Pricey if you need pro voice clones, which start on the $312 a month M plan
- ✕ Watch out: plan credits don't roll over, only pay-as-you-go credits do
- ✕ Watch out: overage costs 5% to 20% above your plan's own rate if you turn it on, and live translation burns 30 credits a second

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Developers building voice agents that need streaming speech and transcription
- ✓ Teams that want one vendor for speech, transcription and cloned voices

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Free-plan credits cover about an hour of speech a month, and commercial use needs XS or above.
- ⓘ Plan credits do not roll over; only pay-as-you-go credits carry into the next month.
- ⓘ Beyond a plan's credits, overage is billed at 5% to 20% above the plan's own rate if turned on in settings.
- ⓘ Extra credits cost $7 per 100k on XS, falling to $3.80 on L.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

$12

A month to start. There is a free plan too

Gradium has a free plan. Paid plans start at $12 per month, billed yearly ($13 billed monthly).

> **You'll reach that in a week or two of real work.**
>
> From our grade for free plan and trial

FREE

$0

45k credits a month, about 1 hour of text-to-speech, with up to 5 custom voices. Commercial use is not included.

XS

$12

per month for 225k credits, billed yearly ($13 billed monthly)

About 5 hours of text-to-speech a month, adds commercial use, up to 1,000 voices and data controls.

S

$39

per month for 900k credits, billed yearly ($43 billed monthly)

About 20 hours of text-to-speech a month, with cheaper top-ups and lower overage than XS.

M

$312

per month for 9M credits, billed yearly ($340 billed monthly)

About 200 hours of text-to-speech a month, adds pro voice cloning (5 pro clones) and higher concurrency.

L

$1,480

per month for 45M credits, billed yearly ($1,615 billed monthly)

About 1,000 hours of text-to-speech a month, with 20 pro voice clones and the cheapest top-ups.

ENTERPRISE

Custom

Unlimited credits and custom concurrency, with dedicated inference or on-premises deployment available.

The free plan

45k credits a month with text-to-speech, speech-to-text and voice design, which is about 1 hour of speech.

Read from gradium.ai on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

ANNUAL DISCOUNT

One month free on yearly billing

The pricing page says one month is free when billed yearly: for example XS is $12 a month yearly against $13 monthly.

Stated on gradium.ai

STARTUPS

Gradium for startups

Founders can apply for $2,000 or more in credits through the startup program.

Stated on gradium.ai

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Place it runs: Web

Real-time voice AI API for speech, transcription and voice cloning. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: public API, AI features, transcription, text to speech, voice cloning.

> **Web studio and an API, deployable via Baseten and SageMaker.**

From our grade for platforms and integrations

Text-to-speech

Costs 1 credit per character; the pricing page says about 45,000 characters is roughly an hour of audio.

Speech-to-text

Transcription is billed at 3 credits per second of audio, or 4 credits per second with translation.

Live voice translation

Speech-to-speech translation costs 30 credits per second, the most credit-hungry feature on the page.

Voice cloning and design

A standard clone needs a 10-second sample. Pro voice clones use 30 minutes to a few hours of audio and start on the M plan. Voices can also be designed from a text description.

Data controls

Paid plans add data controls such as zero data retention and a choice of EU or US data residency; the vendor lists SOC 2 Type II and ISO 27001.

Phonon on-device model

Gradium describes Phonon as its first open, on-device text-to-speech model.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Baseten

Amazon SageMaker

Gradium is made by Gradium.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

47 /72

Other AI voice generators it is graded above

Gradium's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 47 of the 72 other AI voice generators we grade, and level with 16.

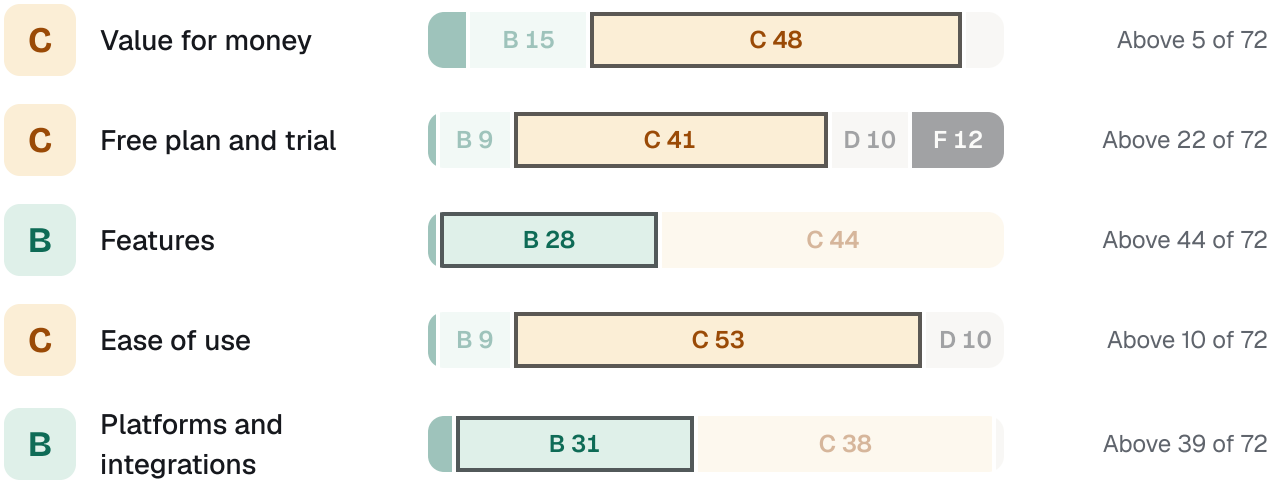
It stands best on features (B, above 44 of 72) and worst on value for money (C, above 5).

Its paid plans start at $12 a month, against a middle price of $9.99 for the category: 33 of the 50 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.7 out of 4. 4 tools score higher and cost less.

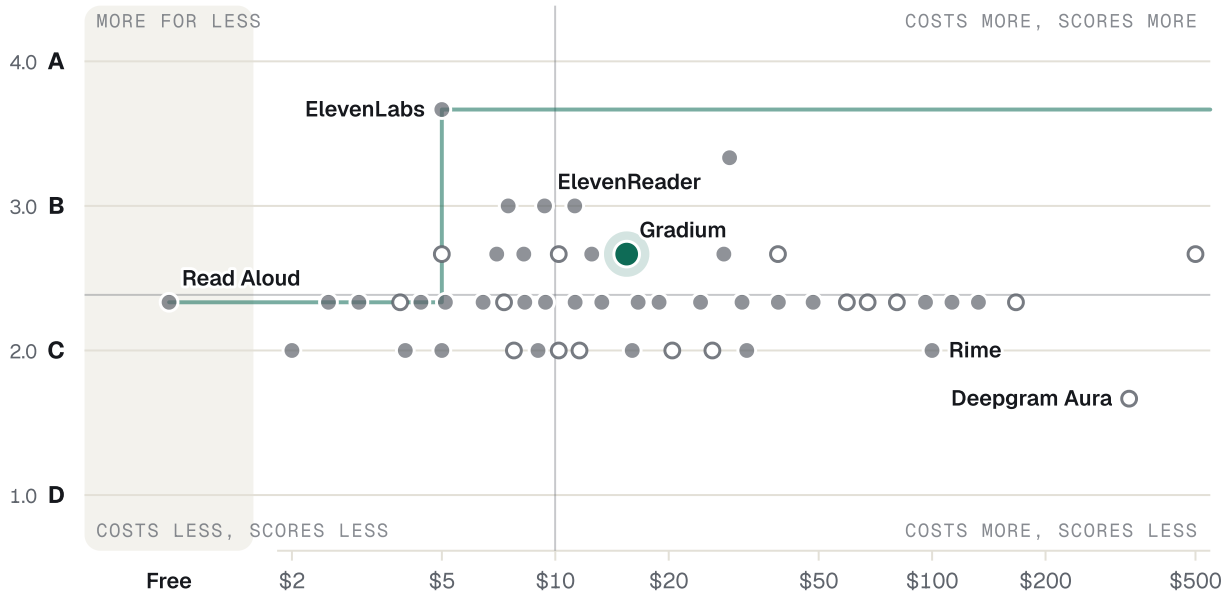
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 73 AI voice generators we grade, cut by the letter each got. Gradium's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 52 AI voice generators. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Gradium is the marked dot.



What paid plans start at, a month (each step along is roughly double)

Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

To replace Gradium you would be making a voice model, which you can rent by the minute but not make. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

It costs $144 a year.

What you could not

- ✕ A voice model, which you can rent by the minute but not make.
- ✕ A voice model trained on your recordings.

- ✕ Speech turned into text you can trust.
- ✕ It plugs into other products, Baseten and Amazon SageMaker among them, and has an API.
- ✕ AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.
- ✕ What a company asks for before it lets staff use something: SOC 2.
- ✕ The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. Gradium's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



ElevenLabs, Cartesia, Deepgram Aura, Rime and Smallest AI

The 5 tools Gradium is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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ElevenLabs

Free plan · from $5/mo

AI voice platform for speech, voice cloning, dubbing and voice agents.

- Only ElevenLabs lists iOS and Android apps.
- ElevenLabs also covers video generation.

Gradium and ElevenLabs compared in full

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Cartesia

Free plan · from $5/mo

Low-latency speech models and voice agents for developers.

Gradium and Cartesia compared in full

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Deepgram Aura

Free trial · from $4,000/yr

Text-to-speech API for real-time voice agents, billed per character.

- Gradium has a free plan. Deepgram Aura does not, though it has a free trial.
- Gradium also covers voice cloning.
- Deepgram Aura also covers AI agents.

Gradium and Deepgram Aura compared in full

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Rime

Free plan · from $100/mo

Voice models for phone agents: text to speech and speech to speech.

- Rime also covers AI agents.

Gradium and Rime compared in full

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Smallest AI

Free trial

Voice AI models and agents: text to speech, speech to text, calls.

- Gradium has a free plan. Smallest AI does not, though it has a free trial.
- Smallest AI also covers AI agents.

Gradium and Smallest AI compared in full

PART 06 · QUESTIONS

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is Gradium free?

Gradium has a free plan. 45k credits a month with text-to-speech, speech-to-text and voice design, which is about 1 hour of speech.

How much does Gradium cost?

Gradium lists 6 plans. Free: $0.

What platforms does Gradium work on?

Gradium is available on Web.

Does Gradium offer any discounts?

Gradium publicly lists the following: One month free on yearly billing; Gradium for startups.

Does Gradium have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Gradium is listed for Web.

Does Gradium have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Gradium is listed for Web.

Is Gradium open source?

Gradium is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

Does Gradium have an API?

Yes. Gradium offers a public API, according to its own site.

What does Gradium integrate with?

Gradium's listing names Baseten and Amazon SageMaker. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes Gradium?

Gradium is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to Gradium?

The closest alternatives to Gradium in our directory are ElevenLabs, Cartesia, Deepgram Aura, Rime and Smallest AI.

How does Gradium compare with other AI voice generators?

Gradium's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 47 of the 72 other AI voice generators we grade, and level with 16.

Is Gradium good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Gradium C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $12 a month, against a middle price of $9.99 for the category: 33 of the 50 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Gradium?

To replace Gradium you would be making a voice model, which you can rent by the minute but not make.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Gradium's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from Gradium's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by Gradium. Prices change, so check gradium.ai before you buy.

gradium.ai/

gradium.ai/pricing

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at **toolgpa.com**.

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tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Gradium, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/gradium

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

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Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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