

# Set Grandparents Up With Technology for Less

When you're younger, your grandparents are a source of love, special adventures, and wisdom shared through entertaining stories and memories. As you both get older, however, this relationship begins to change, and sometimes this makes it more difficult to stay in touch.

Fortunately, there's plenty of technology available to make it easier to maintain this [special bond](#). Through social media, video messaging, and other tech, you and your grandparents can enjoy playing games, sharing new adventures, and reliving your favorite memories, and the devices and software to do this may be more affordable than you think.

## Saving Money on Devices

Often, the biggest hurdle to staying connected through technology is finding a way to afford the devices. Don't worry; there are plenty of ways to find the tech you want that fit within your budget:

- Don't underestimate lesser-known brands. Many consumers end up paying much more than they need because they only purchase the most popular brands. Instead, [research](#) those unfamiliar brands. You could save up to 50%.
- Shop clearance sections and look at refurbished electronics. These gadgets are often priced at great discounts.
- Search for [sites](#) that deal in discounted technology. Even if you don't shop at these sites, you'll become familiar with some of the good tech without the name-brand prices.
- Many retailers offer [coupons](#) and cashback deals. You can often find the devices you want at lower prices when you wait for those discounts.

Even if your grandparents have an existing device, they may enjoy a newer smartphone that's compatible with upgraded apps and programs. You should also pay attention to how well your loved one can read the screen. It may be time to replace a smaller phone with one that has a larger screen or a tablet. A laptop or webcam could make staying in touch much easier for your grandparent.

## Setting Up the New Technology

Using these new devices is simpler with the right resources. Some of the most [helpful apps](#) allow your loved ones to connect to smart devices throughout their home, increase the font and icon sizes on their screens, and store passwords as well as keeping them secure.

It may be helpful for you to load apps on the device, such as word games, live video chat software, and shortcuts to [family history](#) sites, such as Ancestry.com or FamilySearch. When you're responsible for loading apps, you can make sure that you've found the best value for the money spent or that you've chosen apps that offer free services.

## Keeping Service Costs Down

Many nursing homes and rehabilitation centers like [Palatine](#) provide internet access, but you may still need to pay for cellphone minutes or other service fees. You can keep some of these costs down by looking for apps that are free for messaging and gaming. There are photo-sharing apps, gaming apps, educational apps, and streaming services that are free or offered at affordable prices. If there's an app that requires an expensive membership, do some internet research; you can often find [similar apps](#) that aren't as costly.

## Helping Your Loved One Learn

Today, many grandparents have a smartphone or tablet, but they don't feel comfortable using it. The technology learning curve may be steep because it is constantly changing and upgrading, but the desire to stay in touch with you

may be enough of a motivation to inspire your loved one to get past the challenges. The more you're [involved](#) with the process, the easier it is to avoid expensive mistakes.

Technology is becoming more affordable, especially when you know where to look for discounted devices, affordable apps, and low fees. When you invest time in looking for the best deals, you and your grandparents can continue to enjoy the beautiful relationship that began when you were both younger without overly taxing your bank account.

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