

### Okay

• Since Radio Shack introduced the CTS256A-AL2 speech processor, I started building the circuit. The furthest I succeeded is when I hit the RESET button and the speech processor signaled "OK," telling me that the wiring is more or less correct. The literature that came with the chip was helpful just to wire it up to say "OK." But to interface it with a computer, it was not. Happily, the October 1987 *Modern Electronics* explains how to wire and interface it to a computer using serial or parallel outputs. I used the serial output option. As I was wiring it up according to the diagram, I noticed the diagram on page 36 has a misprint. Pin 2 of DB-25 connector J1 should be TxD and pin 3 should be RxD. After making this correction, my Speech Synthesizer started vocalizing any word I typed in. I hope everyone has as much fun as I did.

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