

Google Home Quick Commands

"Hey Google, Set Alarm for [Time] Called [Name]"

You can use Google to set alarms for certain times. Using the time parameter above, you can ask for a specific time, such as "5 o'clock" or "7 AM tomorrow", or set a recurring alarm, with a command such as "9 AM everyday" or "12 PM every Friday". The second part of the alarm is unnecessary, however can be helpful later. While you can always say "Hey Google, when is my alarm?" or "Hey Google, cancel my alarm", being able to do so with reference to a name allows you to be more specific, such as "Hey Google, cancel my medicine alarm". Once alarms actually go off, you simply need to say "Stop", you don't even need the "Hey Google". You can also snooze alarms by using a command such as "Hey Google, Snooze for 10 Minutes".

"Hey Google, Set a [Time Period] Timer For [Name]"

Similarly to alarms, Google can also set timers that go off a set period of time after they are set, not at a set time of the day. To set one of these, you simply need to ask for a timer, as shown above. Similarly to alarms, the second part of the command is optional, however unlike alarms, you cannot set a repeat period. Once a timer is set, you can also use commands such as "Hey Google, how long is left on my [name] timer?" or "Hey Google, Cancel / Pause / Resume [name] timer". Again, the name part of these commands is not necessary however can be helpful.

"Hey Google, Set a [Time Period] Sleep Timer"

Sleep timers are a very helpful command that can be used in order to stop audio after a certain period of time. As shown above, they can be requested as a timer, such as "Hey Google, set a 30 minute sleep timer", however they can also be set more akin to an alarm, such as "Hey Google, set a sleep timer at 7 AM". To update a sleep timer, you can just ask for another one, as it will overwrite the existing one. You can also ask how long is left on your sleep timer or cancel it in the same way as you would a normal timer.

"Hey Google, Remember That [Thing to Remember]"

You can ask your Google Home to remember important details for you that you may not remember. Contrary to alarms or reminders, this feature is designed for remembering information indefinitely, so that if you forget it can tell you. For example, "Hey Google, remember that my spare keys are in the kitchen cabinet."

"Hey Google, [Question About Thing to Remember]"

After using the previous command, you should be able to ask Google about whatever it is you told it to remember. Extending the example above, you could say "Hey Google, where are my spare keys?"

“Hey Google, Play [Song] by [Artist]”

Once linked to a streaming service, Google can play all your favourite songs hands free. You can pick and choose what information to give, however the more specific it is the more likely you are to get the song you're after. For example, using the command above should get you exactly what you want, however you don't have to give an artist, you could just ask for the song, and get whatever version is most popular. Alternatively, you could just ask for an artist and get a selection of their top music. You can also try asking for your favourite genres or playlists. Once playing, you can also use commands such as *“Hey Google, stop”*, *“Hey Google, pause”*, and *“Hey Google, resume”*. If playing an album, artist or playlist, you can also say *“Hey Google, skip”* to go to the next song.

“Hey Google, Play [Radio Station] [Location]”

Not sure what to listen to? You can also try playing a radio station. This can be specified in a variety of ways, including frequency and name. If you want to specify a location, you can even play radio from another city or even country, or if left unspecified, it will find the most local option. Two examples of such commands are *“Hey Google, Play ABC Radio Sydney”* and *“Hey Google, Play KIIS 106.5”*. Once playing, you can use stop, pause and resume commands the same as normal music, and even ask *“Hey Google, what's playing”*.

“Hey Google, Tell Me the News”

Google also provides a wide range of news services. You can just ask for a general update, or get more specific with a news provider or topic. Examples of this include *“Hey Google, Play the news from ABC”* and *“Hey Google, Play the news about Brexit”*. You can even speed it up or slow it down with commands such as *“Hey Google, play slower”* or *“Hey Google, Play at 2x Speed”*. Same as music, you can stop, pause, resume, and even skip stories if you're not interested. You also have the ability to rewind if you missed something, using a command such as *“Hey Google, rewind 15 seconds”*.

“Hey Google, Play [Podcast Name] From [Provider]”

Same as music, you're able to play any podcast you want from a linked provider, with access to all the same stop, pause and resume commands. The provider is not necessary, but can be helpful. Example commands include *“Hey Google, play the Oral History of The Office on Spotify”* and *“Hey Google, listen to the latest episode of Oral History of The Office”*. You can also skip or rewind episodes with commands such as *“Hey Google, next episode”* and *“Hey Google, previous”* and control playback speed the same as with News.

“Hey Google, Set Volume [Volume]”

When playing music or other content, if the volume isn't where you want it, you can try asking Google to change it, using a command such as *“Hey Google, set volume 5”* or *“Hey Google, set volume 40%”*.

“Hey Google, How Long is My Commute?”

Once you've got it setup in your Google Home app, Google can tell you how long it'll take you to get to work, or any other destination for that matter. Once you tell it your home address, work address and preferred mode of transport (eg. driving, walking, ect.) it can tell you how long it'll take you to get there using Google Maps. You can try this out with commands such as *“Hey Google, how long will it take to walk/take the train/take the bus/cycle to the library?”*

“Hey Google, What's the Weather?”

Once Google knows your home address and preferred temperature unit, it can tell you what the weather will be doing. You can even get more specific and add a time, with commands such as *“Hey Google, what's the weather for the next 4 days?”* and *“Hey Google, will it rain tomorrow?”*

“Hey Google, What's on my calendar for Today?”

If you've linked your Google Calendar to your smart speaker, Google can give you updates on what you've got on and even schedule new events. You can try this out with commands such as *“Hey Google, List all events for 1 August”* and *“Hey Google, Schedule dinner for me on Saturday at 8 PM”*.

“Hey Google, Where's my iPhone?”

If you've got notifications turned on for Google Home on your phone, you're Google Home is able to help you find it when it's lost. Simply using the command above, Google will play a ringing sound on your phone for about 25 seconds to help you locate it. If you're got critical alerts turned on, it can even do this when your phone is set to silent or do not disturb.

“Hey Google, Call [Person] on Duo”

Google is capable of calling people on Duo, Google's video calling software. Simply using the command above, you can call anyone in your Google Contacts.

“Hey Google, Turn On Guest Mode”

Google Homes come with a guest mode. This mode will change functionality a little, primarily in the interests of privacy. Most things work as per normal, however in guest mode, all audio recordings, regardless of standard settings, will not be saved, and no personalised results will be given, such as events from your Google Calendar or people from your Google Contacts. When you want to return to standard settings, simply say *“Hey Google, turn off guest mode.”*

"Hey, Google, Delete Everything I Said [Time Period]"

Google will often save each voice command you use. To protect your privacy, you can ask Google to delete everything you have said within a certain time period, such as today, this week, this month, or this year.

Got Any General Questions for Google?

The above commands give you a start with some basic commands, but you can also ask google about all kinds of different topics. Ranging from the definitions of words to the height of celebrities and even the score of the latest sports games, just say *"Hey Google"* followed by whatever your question is and you may well get a helpful answer. Got more questions? Check out Google's help website for more info, linked to with the QR Code to the right of this. All information in this document was based off of it.

