



2. Chrome is the recommended browser for current versions of Android.
Prior to Android 7.0, Firefox is recommended.
3. TalkBack varies depending on the version of Android and the web browser in use. Some options may be unavailable.

Getting Started

Enabling TalkBack: Go to Settings > Accessibility > TalkBack to turn on TalkBack. To activate the TalkBack shortcut, go to Settings > Accessibility and turn on the Volume Key Shortcut. You can then hold the volume keys for a few seconds to turn TalkBack on or off.

The TalkBack menu: contains commands that are relevant anywhere on your device. To open the TalkBack menu, swipe down then right, or swipe up then right. Or on devices with multi-finger gestures*, you can also do a three-finger tap.

Reading controls: allow adjustment of reading settings, such as being able to swipe to read by headings or by lines, and to change the speech rate. To open the reading controls, swipe up then down, or down then up. Or on devices with multi-finger gestures*, you can also do a three-finger swipe left or right, or up or down. Repeat the same gesture to cycle through the different reading controls.

Explore by touch: Drag one finger around the screen to have TalkBack announce items as you reach them.

Voice commands: Swipe right then up, listen for a confirmation sound, then speak a command, e.g. "Next link." Available only with TalkBack 9.1 and up.

**Note:**

Some menu options and reading controls are hidden by default. Go to TalkBack settings > "Customize menus" to choose which items to enable.

**Note:**

***Multi-finger gestures** — gestures using three or more fingers simultaneously — are available only with TalkBack 9.1 and up, only on some Android devices, such as Google Pixel 3 and up, and some other brands' models like Samsung Galaxy.

The Basics

Topic	Task	Command
On/Off:	Turn TalkBack on or off	Hold volume buttons for a few seconds (when setting is enabled)
	Open the TalkBack Menu	Swipe down then right, or up then right. Or three-finger tap (on devices with multi-finger gestures*).
Menus:	Cycle through reading controls	Swipe up then down, or down then up. Or three-finger swipe left or right, or up or down (on devices with multi-finger gestures*).
	Pause or resume reading	Two-finger tap
Reading:	Start reading continuously from the top	1. Open TalkBack menu 2. Select "Read from top"

Topic	Task	Command
	Start reading continuously from this point on	1. Open TalkBack menu 2. Select "Read from next item" Or two-finger triple tap
	Read next item	Swipe right
	Read previous item	Swipe left
	Repeat last phrase	1. Open TalkBack menu 2. Select "Repeat last spoken phrase"
Activate:	Activate element (Link, button, etc.)	Double tap
Headings:	Go to next heading	1. Select the "Headings" reading control 2. Swipe down
Landmarks:	Go to next landmark/region	1. Select the "Landmarks" reading control 2. Swipe down
Main:	Go to main content region	Use the page's "Skip to Main Content" link if present, or explore by touch, or swipe left, then down (or open the TalkBack menu and select "Search screen") to search for the desired section
Tables:	Navigate table cells	Swipe left or right, or explore by touch.
Links:	Go to next link	1. Select the "Links" reading control 2. Swipe down

Topic	Task	Command
Scroll:	Scroll a page, menu, etc.	Two-finger swipe up, down, left, or right
Navigate:	Go to home screen	Swipe up, then left
	Go back	Swipe down, then left
	Recent apps	Swipe left, then up
	Notifications	Swipe right, then down. Or two-finger swipe down from top.
Go backward:	Go to previous link, heading, form element (control), landmark, etc.	1. Select the desired reading control 2. Swipe up

Reading Text

Topic	Task	Command
Line:	Say prior line	1. Select the "Lines" reading control 2. Swipe up
	Say next line	1. Select the "Lines" reading control 2. Swipe down
	Say from cursor	1. Open TalkBack menu 2. Select "Read from next item" Or two-finger triple tap
Character:	Say prior character	1. Select the "Characters" reading control 2. Swipe up
	Say next character	1. Select the "Characters" reading control 2. Swipe down

Topic	Task	Command
	Say character phonetically	1. Open TalkBack menu 2. Select "TalkBack Settings" > "Verbosity" > "Speak phonetic letters"
Word:	Say prior word	1. Select the "Words" reading control 2. Swipe up
	Say next word	1. Select the "Words" reading control 2. Swipe down
Paragraph:	Say prior paragraph	1. Select the "Paragraphs" reading control 2. Swipe up
	Say next paragraph	1. Select the "Paragraphs" reading control 2. Swipe down
Spelling:	Spell word	1. Navigate by words 2. Open TalkBack menu 3. Select "Spell last spoken phrase"

Tables

Topic	Task	Command
Cell:	Cell to right	Swipe right
	Cell to left	Swipe left
	Cell below	Explore by touch
	Cell above	Explore by touch

**Note:**

When you enter the table, TalkBack will describe the dimensions of the table. It will identify table header cells. When it reads a table cell, it describes the associated header. When you move into a new row, it reads the row number. When reading continuously, TalkBack reads table cells in order left to right, starting at the top row.

Forms

Topic	Task	Command
Form elements:	Next form element	1. Select the "Controls" reading control Swipe down
Checkboxes:	Select and deselect	Double tap
Combo boxes (<select>):	Open combo box	Double tap
	Browse options	Explore by touch, or swipe right or left
	Select multiple options	Double tap each option to select or deselect
Radio buttons:	Toggle selection	Swipe right or left to the desired option, then double tap to select
Sliders:	Adjust slider up or right	Swipe right then left. Or swipe up.
	Adjust slider down or left	Swipe left then right. Or swipe down.

Other Commands

Task	Command
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