



Android TalkBack Screen Reader

Turning TalkBack On and Off

TalkBack is a great feature built into Android phones. It's a screen reader that speaks all the information on your screen. Apps, phone calls, texting, and web browsing, are all spoken aloud so there's no need to see the screen! **Try it out!**

Tip: The following instructions are for the Google Pixel. However, they are very similar for other Android phones.

TalkBack with Google Assistant

1. Activate **Google Assistant** by saying, "Hey, Google."
2. Then say, "Turn TalkBack on." Google Assistant lets you know **TalkBack** is on and you hear what is available on your screen.

Tip: If this is the first time you've used TalkBack, there may be a tutorial available. Or you may find Google Assistant on the screen, showing the conversation you just had. The workshop on TalkBack basics explores more of what's on your screen.

3. To turn **TalkBack** off, say, “Hey Google,” and then say, “Turn TalkBack off.”

TalkBack with the Volume Buttons

The volume buttons on your phone may be two small buttons next to each other or one long button.

4. Press and hold both volume buttons at the same time for three seconds until you hear **Google Assistant** say that **TalkBack** is on. If your device has one long button, just press the top part and bottom part at the same time.

Tip: If this is the first time you’ve opened TalkBack, pressing the buttons for three seconds may first prompt a message telling you that accessibility is enabled and to keep pressing the volume buttons for three seconds to turn TalkBack on. If that happens, just keep holding the buttons in until you hear “TalkBack on.”

5. To turn **TalkBack** off, again, press and hold both volume buttons at the same time for three seconds until you hear **Google Assistant** say that **TalkBack** is off.

Now you know how to turn TalkBack on and off. Check out the other workshops in this series to learn more about the TalkBack screen reader.