



Android TalkBack Screen Reader

TalkBack Basics

Knowing some simple gestures and tools can quickly get you started using TalkBack. **Try it out!**

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

Tip: Before beginning, make sure TalkBack is on. If it isn't, say "Hey, Google. Turn TalkBack on."

Touch Gesture

1. Using one finger, touch the **Status Bar** at the top left of the screen. This puts the focus on the **Time** display and **TalkBack** announces the time.
2. Tap your finger on the screen just below the **Status Bar** to move the focus to the **Weather** icon. **TalkBack** announces the weather.

Tip: The apps on your screen may be different than the examples used here. But the gestures work the same regardless of the focused app.

Swipe Gesture

Swiping across the screen moves the focus from icon to icon.

3. Swipe your finger across the screen from left to right to move the focus from the **Weather** icon to the **Play Store** icon. **TalkBack** announces all the available options for that app.
4. Swipe from left to right again. This moves the focus to the **Gmail** icon and **TalkBack** announces your options.
5. This time, swipe from right to left. This moves the focus back one icon and you hear the options for the **Play Store** again.

Double Tap

Double tapping on the screen opens the selected icon.

6. Tap your screen twice, quickly. This gesture opens the **Play Store**.

Tip: It doesn't matter where on the screen you double tap. When TalkBack speaks what you've touched, the focus stays there until you touch something else that TalkBack speaks, or until you swipe to another icon.

Navigation Bar

The **Navigation Bar** is always at the bottom of the screen and is a fast way to get where you want to go.

Tip: The Navigation Bar on some phones is not a default setting because they are set up to use specific gestures instead. Contact a Hadley learning expert if you need help turning on your Navigation Bar or using alternative gestures.

7. Touch the bottom left corner of your screen. **TalkBack** will speak that you are on the **Back** button, which in this case, will take you back to the home screen.

Tip: The Back button works like the Back button on a web browser, taking you back to where you were previously.

8. Swipe right to move to the next button: **Home**. The **Home** button takes you back to your home screen.
9. Swipe right again to move to the **Overview** button. This will bring up a list of all the apps that are open on your phone.

Tip: This topic is covered in detail in the workshop on applications and home screens in this series.

10. Swipe left to return to the **Home** button. Then double tap your screen to go back to your home screen.

**Now you know some basic TalkBack gestures and tools.
Check out the other workshops in this series to learn more
about the TalkBack screen reader.**

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