



Android TalkBack Screen Reader

Reading and Navigation

Now that you know some gestures, it's time to put them to more use, like reading text with **TalkBack** and controlling what and how **TalkBack** reads. **Try it out!**

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

Tip: You'll be using gestures with three fingers, two fingers, and one finger. So check out the workshops for those gestures in this series first, if you're not already familiar with them.

Tip: If your phone is set up to use only one-finger gestures, the three- and four-finger gestures won't work. But there are other ways to get the same results. Contact a Hadley learning expert to learn more.

Reading Controls

1. Swiping right with three fingers gives you reading options in this order:
 - **Words:** Reads word-by-word
 - **Paragraph:** Reads one paragraph at a time
 - **Headings:** Reads the next or previous heading

- **Controls:** Jumps to next or previous control items, like buttons and check boxes.
 - **Links:** Reads the next or previous link.
 - **Windows:** Jumps to next window.
 - **Speech Rate:** Changes **TalkBack's** reading speed.
 - **Characters:** Reads character-by-character.
2. Swipe left using three fingers to move backwards through the list.

Using Reading Controls

3. Swipe left or right until you reach the **Characters** option. Then use one finger to swipe down.
Tip: Swiping down moves you forward according to the selected reading control. Swiping up moves you backward.
4. Since the focus was on the **Play Store** and **TalkBack** is set to read by character, it will read “**P**” for “**Play**.”
5. Swipe down with one finger again. **TalkBack** will read the “**L**” in “**Play**.”
6. Swipe two more times to hear the “**A**” and “**Y**” in the word “**Play**” read aloud.
7. Switch the reading control to **Words** by swiping right with three fingers.

8. Swipe down with one finger. **TalkBack** reads, “**Store**” finishing the name of the **Play Store**.
9. Next, use two fingers to tap your screen three times, quickly. **TalkBack** reads the names of all the apps on your home screen

Tip: This gesture is new and results in TalkBack reading from wherever your focus is on the screen to the end. It is very useful for reading emails and webpages.

10. Tap once with two fingers to stop reading.

Summary of Reading Controls Gestures

11. You’ve learned a lot in this workshop. Here is a quick summary:
 - **Three-finger swipe right:** Move forward through your reading controls.
 - **Three-finger swipe left:** Move backward through your reading controls.
 - **One-finger swipe up or down:** Read with the selected control, using down to move forward and up to move back.
 - **Two-finger gesture:** Use three quick taps to read the whole screen beginning with where the focus is.

Now you know how to read text with TalkBack and use reading controls. Check out the other workshops in this series to learn more about the TalkBack screen reader.

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