



Android TalkBack Screen Reader

Volume Controls

Your Android device uses sounds in various ways for the ringer, notifications, alarms, **TalkBack**, and videos. The volume controls on your device do more than just turn the volume up or down. They can be used to customize the different sounds to your preferences. **Try it out!**

Tip: The following instructions are for the Google Pixel. However, they are very similar for other Android phones. But if you need help, don't hesitate to contact a Hadley learning expert.

Sound Settings and Volume Sliders

1. Press the **Volume Up** button. **TalkBack** tells you that you've displayed the **Sound** settings, but doesn't actually put the focus on those controls.

Tip: Volume buttons are generally about halfway down on the right side of the device, and the volume settings pop up on the screen in that same area on the right.

2. Using one finger, touch the screen next to the **Volume** button. **TalkBack** lets you know you've put the focus on the **Sound Settings** button.

3. Swipe left with one finger. **TalkBack** tells you how high the **Media slider** is set. The **Media slider** controls the volume for music, YouTube videos, etc.

Tip: The Volume Settings pop-up doesn't stay on the screen very long. If it disappears, just press the Volume button again to get it back.

4. Swipe left from the **Media slider** to put the focus on the **Accessibility slider**. This slider lets you adjust the **TalkBack** volume.

Adjusting Volume Controls During TalkBack

It's easy to adjust the accessibility volume while **TalkBack** is talking without putting the focus on the slider.

5. Using two fingers, triple tap the screen. (Remember, this is the gesture for reading from the focus to the end of the screen.)
6. As **TalkBack** reads the screen, press the volume buttons until the level is right. **TalkBack** will announce the level you set.

Adjusting Volume Controls in Sound Settings

7. Press the **Volume** button so the settings pop up on the screen.

8. Touch the screen right beside the **Volume** button. **TalkBack** tells you the focus is on the **Sound Settings** button.

9. Double tap the screen with one finger. **TalkBack** announces that you've opened the settings panel for **Sound and Vibrations**.

Tip: You can also access the sound settings by using the **Settings app** and scrolling down to **Sound Settings**.

10. There are four sound settings you can adjust:

- **Media volume**
- **Call volume**
- **Ring and notification volume**
- **Alarm volume**

11. Swipe right to move to the **Media volume** setting.

12. Then swipe right again to move to the slider for that option. **TalkBack** tells you to swipe up or down to adjust the volume.

13. Swipe up or down to adjust the volume to the right level.

14. Swipe right to move through each setting and its slider control, swiping up or down to adjust the volume as needed.

Now you know how to use the volume controls with TalkBack for your device's different sounds and notifications. Check out the other workshops in this series to learn more about the TalkBack screen reader.

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