



Android TalkBack Screen Reader Notifications

Sometimes you're not near your phone when you get a call, text message, or email. These will pop up in **Notifications**, along with other important information from Google or other apps. **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.

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

Notification Shade

1. Use the two-finger swipe gesture to swipe down from the status bar at the top of your device.
2. **TalkBack** lets you know that you've opened the **Notification Shade** and gives you information about the time, date, and battery level.

3. Swipe right through the following options:
 - **WiFi**
 - **Bluetooth**
 - **Flashlight**
 - **Do Not Disturb**
 - **Date**
 - **Notifications**

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4. When you reach the **Notifications** option, TalkBack will give you information about your first notification.

Tip: In this example, the notification is a missed call, so those are the options you'll explore.

5. **TalkBack** lets you know that the **Missed Call** notification is expanded, the name of the caller, and when they called.
6. Swipe right to reach the **Call Back** button. Double tapping would let you call your missed caller back.
7. Swipe right again to reach the **Message** button. Double tapping would let you send the caller a text message.
8. Swipe right to put the focus on the **Collapse** toggle button.

9. Then double tap to activate the button. **TalkBack** tells you that the toggle is now an **Expand** button.
10. With the notification still collapsed, swipe left. This time, **TalkBack** only tells you the missed call information and doesn't give you the **Call Back** or **Message** options.

Tip: When any notification is collapsed, you will only hear the basic information about it and won't have access to additional options in the notification.

11. Tap the screen once using three fingers. **TalkBack** lets you know you've opened the **TalkBack** menu and that the focus is on the first menu item, **Actions**.

Tip: The options in the TalkBack menu apply only to the active notification.

12. Double tap to open the **Actions** panel.
13. Swipe right to hear the first option, **Expand**.
14. Swipe right to hear the second option, **Dismiss**.

Tip: If you swipe right once more, you'll reach the Cancel button, which lets you close the panel without making any changes.

15. Double tap to dismiss this notification. The focus returns to the top of the **Notification Shade**.
16. Swipe right through all the options until the focus reaches **Silent**.

Tip: Silent notifications appear in this area without any alerts or sounds to let you know they are there.

17. Swipe right again. **TalkBack** tells you the focus is now on the **Clear all silent notifications** button. Double tapping here would clear all the notifications in this area.
18. Swipe right to reach your next silent notification. In this example, it is a collapsed weather notification.
19. Swipe right until you hear that you've reached the **Manage** button.

Tip: Double tapping here would let you choose which apps should show notifications and whether those notifications should be silent or not.

20. Swipe right once more to reach the **Clear all notifications** button.

Tip: Double tapping here would let you clear all your notifications at once instead of one at a time.

There is even more to explore in the **Notifications** area, including accessing the **Quick Settings**. Contact a Hadley learning expert for more information.

Now you know how to work with notifications. Check out the other workshops in this series to learn more about the TalkBack screen reader.