



Android TalkBack Screen Reader

Applications and Home Screen

There are quick ways to view and close your recently used apps. For easy access, you can also add apps that you use a lot directly to the home screen. **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 steps here won't work. But there are other ways to get the same results. Contact a Hadley learning expert to learn more.

Closing a Recent App

1. Move to the **Overview** button on the right side of the **Navigation Bar** at the bottom of your screen, and double tap.

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.

2. **TalkBack** tells you a list of apps you've recently opened, with the focus on the one you used most recently, and says you can double tap to activate or three-finger tap for a list of options.
3. Tap once using three fingers to open the **TalkBack** menu for the active item on your **Recently Used Apps** list. In this menu, the focus is on **Actions**.
4. Double tap to open the **Actions** pop-up menu. The focus is on **Close**, the first list item in the **Actions** menu.
5. Move to the **Close** option and double tap to close the active app and return to the list of recent apps.

Closing All Open Apps

6. Swipe left until you reach the **Clear** button.
7. Double tap the **Clear** button to close all open apps at once and return to the home screen.

Adding the Settings App to the Home Screen

8. Using two fingers, swipe up from the bottom of your device's screen to open the **Apps** list.

Tip: Check out the workshop on two-finger gestures to learn what else you can use it for.

9. Depending on how many apps you have on your device, you may need to swipe up with two fingers again to find the **Settings** app in the alphabetical list.
10. Swipe right until you reach the **Settings** app. Or, touch the screen near where your **Settings** app is and swipe right from there.
11. Use the three-finger tap once to open the **TalkBack** menu for the **Settings** app.
12. The focus is on **Actions**. Double tap to open the **Action** options for the **Settings** app.
13. The menu focus is on **Shortcuts and notifications**. Swipe right to move to the **Add to home screen** option.
14. Double tap to add the **Settings** app to your home screen.
15. With the focus on the **Settings** app, single tap with three fingers to open the **TalkBack** menu again.
Tip: The TalkBack menu options for an app differ depending on where it is and what you are doing.
16. The focus in the **TalkBack** menu is on **Shortcuts and notifications**. Swipe right to move to the next option.

17. Now the focus is on **Remove**. This lets you remove the app from your home screen.

Tip: The Settings app is important. So, even though you can remove it from the home screen, you can't remove it from your phone. With other apps, your Action menu will give you an Uninstall option to completely remove them from your device.

18. Swipe right again to **Move item**. Use this option if you want to move the app to a different place on your home screen.

Tip: You can also create folders here if you want to organize apps by category.

19. Continue swiping right, past the **Add to home screen** option, until you reach the **Cancel** button. Then double tap to close the pop-up menu and return to the home screen.

Now you know how to view and close recently used apps and add apps to your home screen. Check out the other workshops in this series to learn more about the TalkBack screen reader.

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