



Android TalkBack Screen Reader

Phone Calls

The most basic thing you do with your phone is make and receive phone calls. And TalkBack is great for navigating your phone calling features. **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.

Tip: It's a great idea to try to find a partner to help so you have someone who can call you and whom you can call. If not, just follow these steps when you do get a call and when you want to make a call.

Answering a Phone Call

1. When your phone rings, double tap the screen with two fingers to answer the call.

Tip: While your phone is ringing, TalkBack reads the caller ID. You also have the option to decline the call. Explore the call screen by swiping left to see what's available, and double tapping with one finger to select an option.

2. Use the two-finger double tap again to end the call.

Making a Phone Call Using Google Assistant

The steps that follow use Hadley's phone number as an example. But you can use a different number.

3. Use your preferred method to activate **Google Assistant**.
4. Say "Call 800-323-4238" and **Google Assistant** will call that number.
5. If you've created **Contacts**, you can just tell **Google Assistant** to call one of them. For example, "Call Hadley."
6. To stop a call, double tap with two fingers.

Making a Phone Call Using the Phone App

7. Tap the **Phone** app on your home screen. Then double tap to open it. **TalkBack** lets you know the focus is on the **Search contacts & places** edit box at the top of the screen. This is a great starting point to swipe through and explore all the options here.

8. To move more quickly to a specific option that's not near the top of the screen, you can use the **Back**, **Home**, and **Overview** buttons on the **Navigation Bar** as landmarks and start from there.

Tip: Contact a Hadley learning expert if you need help turning on your Navigation Bar.

Tip: Even without the Navigation Bar as a landmark, everything in the following steps should be in the same general area.

9. Touch the **Overview** button on the right side of the **Navigation Bar** at the bottom of the screen.
10. Then, move your finger up just a little. What you want is just above and slightly to the right.
11. **TalkBack** tells you the **Voicemail** tab is selected.

Tip: It's OK if your phone has a different button in this area. The general concept of using landmarks to find what you want is the goal. The focus can be on any of tabs at the bottom of the Phone screen.

12. Swipe left to explore the different tabs. Double tapping selects the active tab.
 - **Voicemail:** Displays a list of all your voicemail messages and gives you the option to play or delete the message or return the call.
 - **Contacts:** Lists your existing contacts and gives you the option to add new contacts.

- **Recent:** Lists all your recent calls.
 - **Favorites:** Lets you add people you call often so you don't have to scroll through the alphabetical list of **Contacts** to find them.
13. Touch the **Overview** button again as a landmark.
 14. Slide your finger up a little to find the **Voicemail** tab again.
 15. Then, slide your finger up slightly once more until you hear **TalkBack** announce the **Keypad** button.
 16. Double tap to open the **Keypad**. The focus is on the **Edit** box, which shows the numbers as you enter them.
 17. The **Dial** button is at the bottom center of the screen. So you can safely tap on the **Keypad** to explore the screen and no call will be made unless you double tap the **Dial** button.
 18. Move to the **Back** button at the bottom left of the screen and double tap to return to the **Phone** app.

**Now you know how to make and receive phone calls.
Check out the other workshops in this series to learn more
about the TalkBack screen reader.**

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