



Facebook with Screen Reader

Exploring the Homepage

Get ready to join the nearly 3 billion people who use Facebook each month!

Facebook is a great way to connect with others. But it's a good idea to first become comfortable moving around Facebook and exploring the differences between the homepage and your Profile page. **Try it out!**

Tip: This series is designed for people who use a screen reader. If you're not a screen reader user, be sure to check out Hadley's low vision version of this series.

Tip: Before you get started, you'll need to create your Facebook account. If you need information on how to do that, feel free to contact a Hadley learning expert.

Moving Around the Homepage

1. Log in to your Facebook account.
2. Press **CTRL + Home** to move to the top of your homepage/wall.
3. Press the **Tab** key to move to the **Search Facebook** edit field.

Tip: Here you can search for friends or groups. You will use this tool in another workshop.

4. Press **Tab** again to move to the **Home** button. Selecting the **Home** button always returns you to the top of your homepage and refreshes the page.
5. **Tab** again to move to the next navigational button, **Watch**. On the **Watch** page you can scroll through various videos.
6. Press **Tab** to move to the **Facebook Marketplace** button. Selecting this button brings you to a page where you can browse all types of items for sale in your area.
7. Press **Tab** once more to move to the final navigational button, **Groups**.

Tip: This takes you to your Facebook Groups page. You'll explore this feature in depth in another workshop in this series.

Homepage Buttons: Account, Notifications, Messenger, Menu

8. Press the **Tab** key to move to the **Account** button in the next set of navigational controls.
9. Press **Enter** to activate this button for access to your **Profile Page** and **Timeline**.

10. Press the **ESC** key to close this list.

Tip: You'll learn how to personalize your Profile Page and create posts in other workshops in this series.

11. Press **Tab** again to move to the next button, **Notifications**.

12. Next, press **Enter** to hear notifications, like recent posts from friends and groups, as well as new friend requests and messages.

13. Press **ESC** to return to the homepage.

14. Press **Tab** to move to the **Messenger** button. This is a chat feature where you can send private messages in real time.

15. **Tab** once more to the **Menu** button.

16. Press **Enter** to open a list of the different activities available in Facebook.

Tip: The menu includes a search field for finding friends, groups, and events, and options for creating a post, story, or room.

17. Press **ESC** to return to the homepage.

Facebook Activities

18. Press **Tab** to move to the **Facebook Activities** list.

19. **Tab** through the items in the list:

- **[Your Name]**: Another way to access your Facebook account.
- **Find Friends**: One of several ways to search for friends.
- **Groups**: Connect with others who share similar interests.
- **Most Recent**: Refreshes the homepage to display the most recent posts.
- **Marketplace**: Browse items for sale in your area.
- **Watch**: Scroll through various videos.

Tip: Check out the workshops on friending and groups in this series to learn more about locating friends and joining groups on Facebook.

Headings Navigation

Headings navigation is another way to move around your homepage.

20. Press the **H** key twice to move to the **Home** heading.

21. Press **Tab** to move through the next two headings:

- **Stories**: Share everyday moments like videos, photos, and posts. Stories disappear after 24 hours.

- **Reels:** Short videos users create for fun. They can include music, text overlays, and effects.

22. Press **Tab** again to move to the **Create Story** link. This is where you can add photos or short videos.

23. Press **Tab** until you reach the **Publisher** edit field for creating posts. Your screen reader will announce, “Create a post region,” followed by your name.

Tip: Check out the workshop on creating posts in this series to learn more.

24. Press the **H** key to move to the next heading, **News Feed Posts**.

25. Press **H** again to move to the first post in your News Feed. Then use the **Down arrow** to move through the various links and read the contents of the post.

26. Press **H** again to move to the next post.

Tip: The **Tab** key, the arrow keys, and the **H** key shortcuts move you forward or down the homepage. To move back or up your homepage, use these shortcuts with the **Shift** key.

Landmark Navigation

27. Press the **D** key to move to the right pane landmark.
28. Once there, use the **H** key to move through the sections:
 - **Contacts:** Lists your Facebook friends.
 - **Group Conversations:** Create a new group and converse with group members.

Tip: Check out the workshop on groups in this series to learn more.

Now you can navigate your homepage using keyboard shortcuts. Try another workshop to learn how to add a Facebook profile.