



Facebook with Screen Reader

Friending

Interact with your Facebook friends!

Connecting with friends is one of Facebook's main uses. When you friend someone on Facebook, you have access to each other's activities and you can share life events through posts, stories, photos, and videos. **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.

Searching for Friends

1. Log in to your Facebook account to access your homepage.
2. Press **CTRL + Home** to move to the top of your homepage.

Tip: You can use the CTRL key to silence your screen reader.

3. Enter the first and last name of a friend you know is on Facebook. Press **Enter**.

4. Search results appear in a window, listing possible names and profile pictures that match, or closely match, your friend's name.
5. Press the **H** key to move by headings into the search results window.
6. Press **H** again to move to your search results. You'll probably have several names that match your search.

Tip: Facebook suggests using a picture of yourself and some identifying information in your profile. This helps friends find you more easily.

7. Press **Tab** to move to the first name in the list.
8. Press the **Down** arrow to hear more about the first person in your results list.
9. If this is not the friend you're looking for, press **Tab** until you reach the next name on the list, and then use the **Down arrow** to hear more about that person.

Adding and Accepting Friends

10. Once you find your friend, press **Tab** to move to the **Add Friend** button. Then press the **Spacebar** to select it.

Tip: When your friend accepts your request, you'll be able to see each other's posts and exchange messages.

Tip: If you don't see the Add Friend button, it's because the person you're trying to friend has adjusted their privacy settings to block friend requests.

11. Press **ALT + D** to move to the address bar.
12. Type in **facebook.com/find-friends**. Then press the **Enter** key.
13. Press **H** to move to the **Friends** heading.
14. **Tab** several times until you reach the **Friend Requests** link. Then press the **Spacebar** to select.
15. Press **Tab** to move to the **View Sent Requests** button. Then press **Tab** again to land on the first friend request.
16. If any friend requests are shown, and you want to be Facebook friends, **Tab** to the **Confirm** button.
17. Press the **Spacebar** to activate the **Confirm** button and accept the friend request.
18. If you don't wish to be Facebook friends, **Tab** to the **Delete** button instead. Then press the **Spacebar** to select.

Tip: When you delete a friend request, the person who sent the request is not notified. They cannot send you another request for one year.

Tip: Facebook allows you to control who can add you as a friend. If you'd like to learn how to set up this control, as well as information about unfriending or blocking someone on Facebook, contact a Hadley learning expert.

Following a Facebook Account

19. Press **CTRL + Home** to move to the top of the page.
20. Tab to the **Search Facebook** edit field, and enter the name of an organization you're interested in, like Hadley. Then press **Enter**.

Tip: Search results are categorized into different groups, such as people and organizations.

21. Press the **H** key several times to move past the **People** heading to find your organization's name.
22. When you find your organization, use the **Down arrow** to hear more about it. Press the **Down arrow** again to hear more details.
23. Next, press the **Down arrow** until you land on the **Follow** button. Then press the **Spacebar** to select.

Tip: You can also follow public figures, like celebrities, athletes, and musicians. This allows you to follow people without having to share a connection through a friend request. Once you follow someone, their posts will appear in your News Feed.

Now you can add and accept friends and follow your favorite organizations and people. Try another workshop to learn how to create a post.