



Apple Watch Rotor

You can customize the way VoiceOver works on your Apple Watch with this simple gesture.

The rotor is an accessibility feature that lets you decide how text will be read as well as the speed, volume, and more. **Learn how it works!**

1. To begin, open the **Accessibility** settings in the **Apple Watch app** on your iPhone and make sure the **VoiceOver** setting is turned on.

Using the Rotor Gesture

2. To use the rotor gesture, place two fingers on the watch face and rotate them clockwise.

Tip: You can use any two fingers, but if you use your thumb and pointer finger, the rotor action is like opening or closing a bottle cap—or turning a dial.

3. Rotate clockwise to move forward through the options and counterclockwise to move backward through the options.
4. When you're done, lift your fingers off the screen.

Customizing How VoiceOver Reads Text

5. Open the **Notification Center** using the two-finger swipe down the screen. This places you in your first notification.
6. To have **VoiceOver** read your text one word, character, or heading at a time, turn the rotor to **Words, Characters, or Headings**. Stop turning when you hear **VoiceOver** announce the option you want.
7. Next, swipe down the watch face to hear the first word, character, or heading, and continue swiping down to move through the text. Swipe up to move backward.

Tip: This works for any app that has a text area, such as email, messages, or notifications.

8. To return to the watch face, press the **Digital Crown** once.

Tip: For more information on using the Digital Crown, check out the workshop in this series.

Customizing the Speaking Rate and Volume

9. To change the speaking rate, turn the rotor to **Speaking Rate**.

10. Swipe down the watch face to decrease the speed or swipe up to increase the speed.

Tip: The default speed is 50%.

11. To change the **VoiceOver** volume, turn the rotor to **Volume**.

12. Swipe down the watch face to decrease the volume and swipe up to increase the volume.

Now you've learned all the features you can customize using the rotor gesture. Check out the rest of the workshops in this series to learn even more.