



Seeing AI: Android Low Vision Reading Short Text

Use the Seeing AI app to quickly hear short text.

Seeing AI uses your device's camera to read short text like pamphlets and business cards. **Give it a try!**

Tip: If you don't yet have the Seeing AI app, you can get it by going to the Google Play store on your device and typing "Seeing AI" in the search field. Or contact a Hadley learning specialist for help.

Tip: This series is designed for people with low vision using Android devices. If you use Apple, go to the Seeing AI series for Apple Low Vision. If you use your device with a screen reader, be sure to check out our series for using Talkback on your Android phone or Seeing AI with VoiceOver on your iPhone.

Reading Text on a Small Item

1. Find something with a small amount of text to use for this workshop, for example, a business card or Hadley's signature guide. Place the item on a flat surface.
2. Open the **Seeing AI** app on your device.

Tip: The first time you open the app, a short tutorial pops up. The tutorial offers some helpful info, so it's a good idea to check it out before moving on to using the app.

3. Tap the **Short Text** icon at the bottom of your screen. It looks like an uppercase and lowercase “T” side-by-side.

Tip: Seeing AI has several different modes, such as reading text and identifying products. These modes are called channels, and Seeing AI remembers which channel you were in the last time you used the app. If you’d like to learn more about the layout of the app, be sure to check out the Exploring the App workshop in this series.

4. Your camera app opens. Hold your phone in portrait position, so the short side of the phone with the charging port is facing you.
5. With the long part of the card facing you, place your phone camera-side down directly on top of what you want to read. Feel for the top left edge of the card, then line it up with the top left edge of your phone.
6. Now raise your phone about 5 inches from the card and hold it steady. Seeing AI reads the text on your card.

Reading Text on a Larger Item

7. Find something larger that includes text, for example, a greeting card or a Hadley information card. Place the item on a flat surface.

8. Place your phone camera-side down on the middle of the card.
9. Raise your phone 8 or 9 inches above the card and hold it steady so the camera captures all the text. Seeing AI reads all the text on your card.

Reading Other Types of Short Text

10. To read text like menus posted on a wall or signs up ahead, face the camera on your device toward that text.
11. If the camera isn't seeing all the text, move it to the left or right, or closer or farther away. You'll know you have your camera in the right position when Seeing AI reads without cutting words off or running sentence fragments together.
12. Hold steady until Seeing AI has finished reading.

Tip: If you move the camera while Seeing AI is reading, it will start the reading process again. If holding steady for a long period of time is difficult, or if you want to review the text once it's been recognized by Seeing AI, be sure to check out our workshop on reading documents.

Now that you've learned to use Seeing AI to read short text, check out the workshop on reading documents.