



Seeing AI: Android Low Vision Reading Documents

Seeing AI scans and reads documents!

Seeing AI uses your device's camera to read documents like magazine pages, menus, and bills.

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.

Scanning a Document

1. Find a document to use for this workshop, for example, a bill or a page from a magazine. 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 **Document** icon at the bottom of your screen. It looks like a lined sheet of paper.

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. Place your phone, camera-side down, directly on top of the center of your document.
6. Now raise your phone straight up from the document and hold it steady.

Tip: The camera looks for the edges of the document. So, the distance you'll need to raise your phone will vary, depending on the size of the document. Seeing AI will prompt you about which edges of the document are visible and which are not. Use this feedback to move the camera so all edges are visible. Seeing AI will scan and read the document correctly, even if it is upside down.

7. When all edges of the document are visible, Seeing AI will say, "hold steady," and then it will snap the photo.

8. If you're having trouble getting Seeing AI to take the picture automatically, select the **Take Picture** button to snap the photo. It's a round white button, located in the lower middle part of your screen.

Reading a Document

9. Press the **Play** button in the bottom left corner of the screen to hear your document read aloud.

Tip: Pressing the Play button also opens a control bar so you can rewind, pause or play, and fast forward in your document.

10. Press the **Pause** button to pause reading.

Seeing AI also lets you scan more pages, as well as save and share this document. You can also use the AI feature to ask questions about the document. If you'd like to learn more, contact a Hadley learning specialist.

Now that you've learned to use Seeing AI to read documents, try the workshop on identifying products.