



Seeing AI: Android Low Vision

Exploring the App

The Seeing AI app uses the camera on your Android device to identify what's around you.

Seeing AI not only reads text but also identifies products, describes pictures, and identifies currency. Best of all, Seeing AI is completely free. **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.

Exploring the Screen

1. Open the **Seeing AI** app on your device.
2. Lay your phone on a flat surface.

Tip: The app opens with your camera active and ready to read text. Laying the phone on a flat surface lets you explore the app without activating the reading function.

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. When the tutorial ends, you'll be in the main menu. Tap the **Menu** button (three horizontal white lines) at the top left corner of the screen.
4. Options to explore include **Help**, **Feedback**, **Settings**, **What's New**, and **About**.
5. Tap the **X** at the top left to close this menu.
6. Tap the **Help** button at the top right. It looks like a question mark inside a circle.

Tip: The **Help** button opens a panel that gives you information about the channel you are currently in.

7. Tap the **X** to close **Help**.

Reading Controls

8. Near the bottom of the screen are three buttons, from left to right:
 - **Document Align:** Audible cues for aligning a document to your phone's camera so you can take a picture of it. This feature is off by default. Tap to turn it on.

- **Camera:** Your camera's "take picture" button. Tap to capture an image of the text you want to read.
- **Language:** Tap to choose the language you want Seeing AI to recognize.

Tip: This button changes, depending on the tab or channel you're in. For example, when you are in the Currency channel, the button lets you select the currency you want to identify, such as US Dollar, British Pound, etc.

Option Tabs

9. At the top of your screen are three text tabs, from left to right:
 - **Read:** Reads text, like printed or handwritten documents, as well as menus and signs.
 - **Describe:** Describes your environment, photos you've taken, or photos and videos saved on your phone. You can also use the app's artificial intelligence to get more details about an image.
 - **More:** Opens a Channel selector along the bottom of your screen with icons representing the different channels.

Changing Channels

10. Tap the **More** button to open the Channel selector bar at the bottom of the screen.
11. Tap to select the Channel you want to use, from left to right:
 - **Product:** Identifies products by reading bar codes or other types of codes on product packaging.
 - **Person:** Speaks how many people are around you and how close they are to you. Also describes facial expressions.
 - **Currency:** Identifies paper money.
 - **Color:** Identifies colors.
 - **Light:** Uses audio tones to tell you how much light your phone sees. The more light there is, the higher the pitch of the tone.

Now that you've explored the basics, check out the rest of this series for a deeper dive into several of these channels.