Quick Reference Guide (with Images): TalkBack 8.2 for Android

Recommended browser: Chrome (Android OS 7.0 or higher), Firefox (Older versions of Android OS)

Getting Started

Enabling TalkBack: Go to Settings > Accessibility > TalkBack to turn on TalkBack. To activate the TalkBack shortcut, go to Settings > Accessibility and turn on the Volume Key Shortcut. You can then hold the volume keys for three seconds to turn TalkBack on or off.
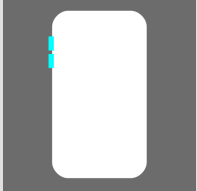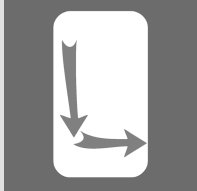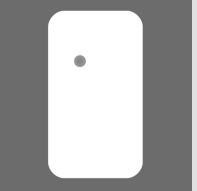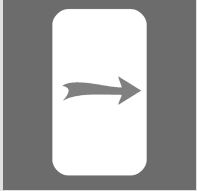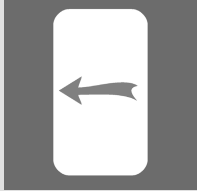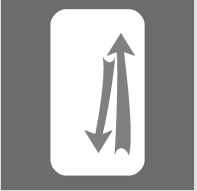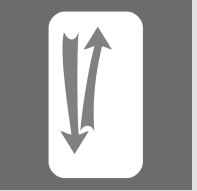
The Local Context Menu: contains navigation options relevant to the current page. Options appear in a menu list by default. To open the local context menu, swipe up, then right.

The Global Context Menu: contains options relevant anywhere on your device. Options appear in a menu list by default. To open the global context menu, swipe down, then right.

Reading controls: allow adjustment of reading settings, such as being able to swipe to read by headings or by lines. Swipe down or up to cycle through the different reading controls.

Explore by touch: Drag one finger around the screen to have TalkBack announce items as you reach them.

The Basics

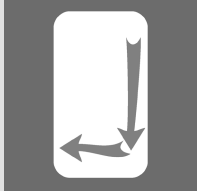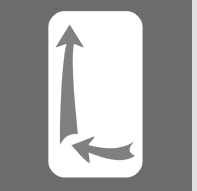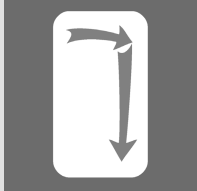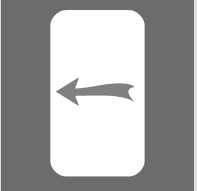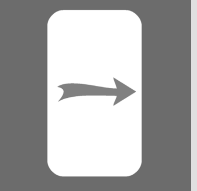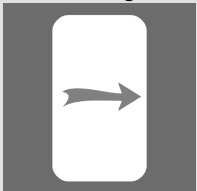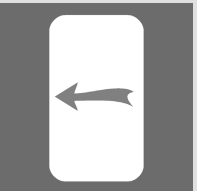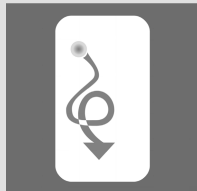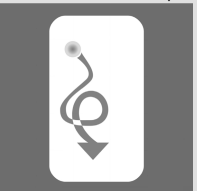|				
Turn TalkBack on or off Hold volume up and down keys for three seconds (when setting is enabled)	**Open Global Context Menu** Swipe down, then right	**Open Local Context Menu** Swipe up, then right	**Stop reading** Single tap	**Start reading continuously from the top or from this point on** 1. Open Global Context Menu 2. Select "Read from top" or "Read from next item"
Scroll a page, menu, etc. Two-finger swipe up, down, left, or right	**Cycle through reading controls (links, headings, form elements (controls), etc.)** Swipe down or up		**Activate element (link, button, etc.)** Double tap	**Repeat last statement** 1. Open Global Context Menu 2. Select "Repeat last utterance"
Read next item 1. Select the desired reading control 2. Swipe right	**Read previous item** Swipe left	**Go to first item on page** Swipe up, then down	**Go to last item on page** Swipe down, then up	**Go to main content region:** Use the page's "Skip to Main Content" link if present; **or** explore by touch; **or** swipe left, then down (**or** open the Global Context Menu and select "Search screen") to search for the desired section
Navigate table cells Swipe right or left **Or** explore by touch	**Go back** Swipe down, then left	**Go to home screen** Swipe up, then left	**Recent apps** Swipe left, then up	**Notifications** Swipe right, then down

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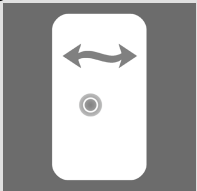
Reading Text

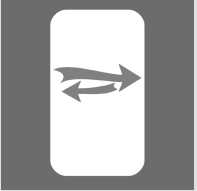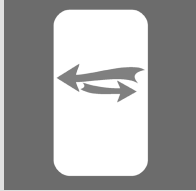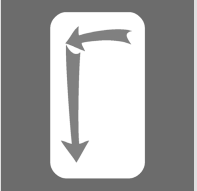| Say prior line, word, character	Say from cursor	Say character phonetically	Say next line, word, character	Spell word
1. Select the desired reading control 2. Swipe left	1. Open Global Context Menu 2. Select "Read from next item"	1. Open Global Context Menu 2. Select "TalkBack Settings" > "Verbosity" > "Speak phonetic letters"	1. Select the desired reading control 2. Swipe right	1. Navigate by words 2. Open Global Context Menu 3. Select "Spell last utterance"

Tables

Cell to right	Cell to left	Cell below	Cell above	
Swipe right	Swipe left	Explore by touch	Explore by touch	**Note:** TalkBack reads table cells in order left to right, starting at the top row.

Forms

Select and deselect checkboxes	Open combo box (<select>)	Browse combo box options	Select multiple combo box options	Toggle radio button selection
Double tap	Double tap	Explore by touch **Or** swipe right or left	Double tap each option to select or deselect	1. Swipe right or left to the desired option 2. Double tap to select

Other Commands

Adjust a slider up or right	Adjust a slider down or left
Swipe right, then left	Swipe left, then right

Search for a word or phrase	
Swipe left, then down.	

Typing: When in a text editing field, a virtual keyboard appears at bottom of screen. Drag finger over letters, and release when you hear the desired letter.

Speak characters typed: Go to "TalkBack Settings" > "Verbosity"> "Keyboard echo" to enable.

Ignore TalkBack, report gesture to current application: Use 2 or 3 fingers.

Gesture hints: Select "TalkBack Settings" > "Verbosity" > "Speak usage hints" to enable.

Note: TalkBack varies depending on the version of Android and the web browser in use. Some options may be unavailable.

Reformat documents for simpler viewing:

Chrome: Go to Chrome settings > Accessibility > select "Simplified view for web pages." A button for simplified view will appear at the bottom of the screen, when supported.

Firefox: Reader View. When viewing an article, the button appears in the URL bar.

Full list of commands: http://tinyurl.com/commands-talkback

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