



Quick Reference Guide: Talkback for Android

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

Getting Started

The local context menu (LCM): contains navigation options relevant to the current page. Options appear in a circle by default. Open the local context menu by swiping up, then right.

The global context menu (GCM): contains options relevant anywhere on your device. Options appear in a circle and in the corners of the screen, by default. Open the global context menu by swiping down, then right.

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

Firefox Browser Navigation (FBN): The Firefox browser adds navigation features using three-finger swipes. Swiping up or down with three fingers chooses an element type, and swiping left or right with three fingers moves to the next or previous element of that type.

The Basics

Task	Command
Turn TalkBack on	Power button, then hold two fingers*
Turn TalkBack off	In settings
Open the Global Context Menu (GCM)	Swipe down, then right
Open the Local Context Menu (LCM)	Swipe up, then right
Stop reading	Single tap
Read from this point on	GCM, Read from next item
Read next item	Swipe right
Repeat last	GCM: Repeat last utterance
Activate link or button	Double tap
Go to next heading	LCM or FBN: headings
Go to next landmark/region	LCM: Landmarks
Go to main content region	Use the "Skip to Main Content" link if present, explore by touch, or use GCM Quick Nav to search for the desired section
Show list of all elements onscreen	GCM: Quick navigation Swipe left or right. TalkBack reads table cells in order left to right; or explore by touch.
Navigate table cells	
Go to next list	LCM: List navigation
Go to next list item	FBN: List items
Go to next link	FBN: Links
List all elements	GCM Quick Navigation
Go to first item on page	Swipe up, then down
Go to last item on page	Swipe down, then up
Go to home screen	Swipe up, then left
Go back	Swipe down, then left
Recent apps	Swipe left, then up
Notifications	Swipe right, then down
To previous heading, landmark, table, focusable item, etc.	Swipe up or left

Reading Text

Task	Command
Say prior line	LCM: Line, swipe left
Say next line	Swipe right
Say from cursor	GCM: Read from next item
Say prior character	LCM: Character, swipe left
Say next character	Swipe right
Say character phonetically	GCM > TalkBack Settings > Speak phonetic letters
Say prior word	LCM: Word, swipe left
Say next word	Swipe right
Next paragraph	LCM: Paragraph, swipe right
Spell word	GCM: Spell last utterance

Tables

Task	Command
Cell to right	Swipe right
Cell to left	Swipe left
Cell below	Explore by touch
Cell above	Explore by touch

Note: In Chrome, TalkBack does not announce row or column headers; Firefox gives a description of the table and announces row and column headers.

Forms

Task	Command
Next form element	FBN: Elements
Select and deselect	Double tap
Open combo box	Double tap
Browse/select options	Explore by touch or swipe
Select multiple combo box options	Double tap each option to select or deselect.
Toggle radio button selection	Double tap

Other Commands

Task	Command
Search for a word or a phrase	Use browser's "Find in page" function When in a text editing field, virtual keyboard appears at bottom of screen.
Typing	Drag finger over letters, release when you hear the desired letter.
Reformat documents for simpler viewing	Reader View in Firefox simplifies web pages. When viewing an article, the button appears in the URL bar.
Ignore TalkBack, report gesture to current application	Use 2 or 3 fingers
Speak characters typed	In TalkBack settings, enable "Keyboard echo"
Adjust a slider Up or Right	Swipe right, then left
Adjust a slider Down or Left	Swipe left, then right
Gesture Hints	Activate in TalkBack settings

*When setting is enabled

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

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