

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	
	Use the "Skip to Main	
	Content" link if present,	
Go to main content region	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	
Navigate table cells	reads table cells in order left	
	to right; or explore by touch.	
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,	Swipe up or left	
focusable item, etc.	Swipe up of 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 columns 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
Typing	When in a text editing field, virtual keyboard appears at bottom of screen. 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