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 circular menu by default. To open the local context menu, swipe 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. To open the global context menu, swipe down, then right.

Explore by touch: Talkback announces items as you reach them when you drag one finger around the screen.

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.

Shortcut to enable TalkBack: Hold power button until sound or vibration, then hold two fingers on screen until TalkBack enables.

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

The Basics

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Reading Text

Say prior line, word, character
LCM: Line, word, character; Swipe right.

Say from cursor
GCM: Read from next item

Say character phonetically
GCM > TalkBack Settings > Speak phonetic letters

Say next word, line, paragraph
LCM: Word, line, paragraph; Swipe right.

Spell word
GCM: Spell last utterance

Tables

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 header.

Forms

Select and deselect
Double tap

Open combo box
Double tap

Browse combo box options
Explore by touch or swipe

Select multiple options
Double tap each option to select or deselect

Toggle radio buttons
Double tap

Other Commands

Adjust a slider up or right
Swipe right, then left

Adjust a slider down or left
Swipe left, then right

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.

Speak characters typed: In TalkBack settings, enable “Keyboard echo.”

Gesture Hints: Activate in TalkBack setting.

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