Quick Reference Guide: VoiceOver for iOS

Recommended browser: Safari

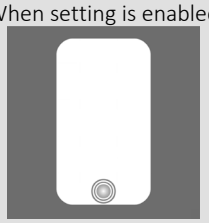
The Rotor

The Rotor allows the user to choose from a list of navigation options, including Containers, Headings, Landmarks, Same item, Vertical Navigation, Static text, Links, Tables, Lists, Buttons, Form Controls, Text fields, Search Fields, and Images.

Twist two fingers in a circle to choose a setting on the rotor. Left and right swipes go to the next element on the page, up and down swipes go the next element of the type selected in the rotor. The settings for what appears in the rotor are highly customizable. If an option you want is not appearing, navigate to Settings > General > Accessibility > Voiceover > Rotor to enable it.

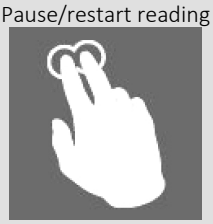
Getting Started

Turn VO on/off (When setting is enabled)



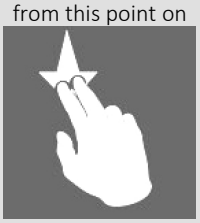
Triple-press home button or side button (iPhone X +)

Pause/restart reading



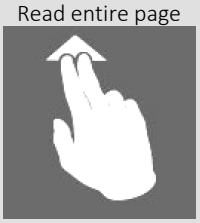
Two-finger tap

Start reading continuously from this point on



Two-finger swipe down

Read entire page



Two-finger swipe up

Read next item

Swipe right

Activate link or button

Double-tap

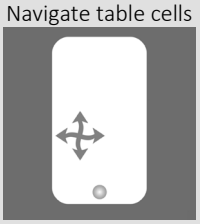
Go back, close popup, cancel last

Two-finger scrub

Item Chooser:

Two-finger triple-tap

Navigate table cells



Swipe up, down, left or right

Go to next list item

Swipe right

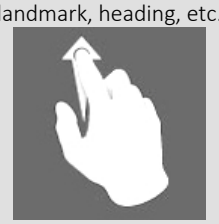
Go to first item on page

4-finger tap upper half of screen

Scroll (vertically or horizontally)

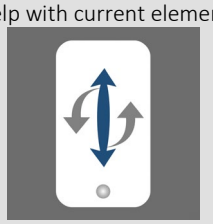
3-finger swipe up, down, left, or right

Go back one link, list, table, landmark, heading, etc.



Swipe up

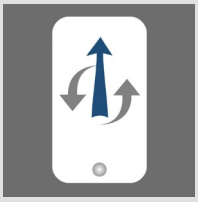
Help with current element



Rotor (Hints), swipe up/down to enable hints

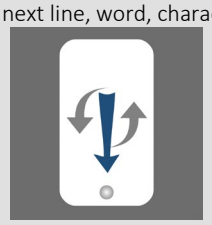
Reading Text

Say prior line, word, character



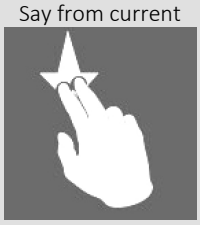
Rotor, swipe up

Say next line, word, character



Rotor, swipe down

Say from current

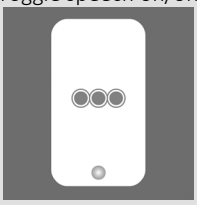


Two-finger swipe down

Say character phonetically

Settings > VO > Phonetic feedback

Toggle speech on/off



Three-finger double-tap

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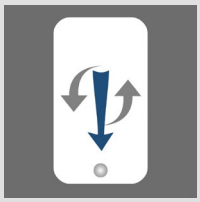
Forms

Next form or button

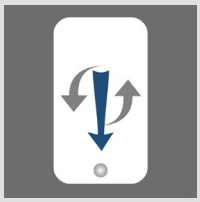


Rotor, swipe down

Select and deselect checkboxes, radio buttons, combo box options

Double-tap

Next checkbox. combo box, radio button



Rotor (Same item or form controls), swipe down

Open combo box

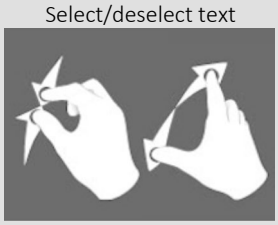
Double-tap

Hear combo box options:

Drag finger through list

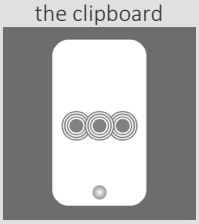
Text Editing

Select/deselect text



Pinch out/in

Copy the last spoken text to the clipboard



Three-finger quadruple-tap

Change case

Three-finger swipe up/down*

Insert space

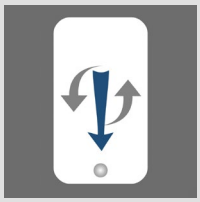
Two-finger swipe right*

Backspace

Two-finger swipe left*

Table

Go to next table



Rotor, swipe down

Cell to right

Swipe right

Cell to left

Swipe left

Cell below

Swipe down

Cell above

Swipe up

Other Commands

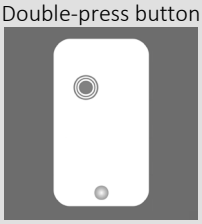
Gesture help

4-finger double-tap

Split tap quick-activation

Select and hold with one finger, tap with another

Double-press button



Triple-tap

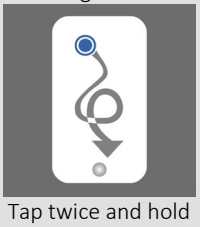
Speak words or characters typed

Settings > General > VoiceOver > Typing Feedback

Next/previous app

4-finger swipe right/left

Drag mode



Tap twice and hold

Toggle screen curtain on/off (VO works but screen is off)

Three-finger triple-tap

*This gesture only works in handwriting mode, not in typing mode.

Full list of commands: http://tinyurl.com/commands-voiceover-ios

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