Quick Reference Guide: TalkBack for Android

Recommended browser: Firefox

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

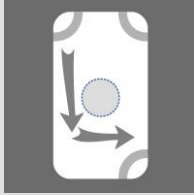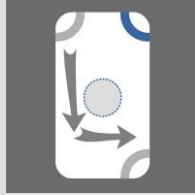|				
Pause TalkBack Hold volume up and down buttons	**Global Context Menu (GCM)** Swipe down, then right	**Local Context Menu (LCM)** Swipe up, then right	**Stop reading** Single tap	**Read from this point on** GCM: Read from next item
Read next item Swipe right	**Repeat last** GCM: Repeat last utterance	**Activate link or button** Double tap	**Go to next landmark, region, or list** LCM: Landmarks, list navigation	**Go to main content region** Use the "Skip to Main Content" link, or use GCM Quick Nav
Show list of all elements onscreen GCM: Quick navigation	**Navigate table cells** Swipe left or right. TalkBack reads table cells in order left to right; or explore by touch.	**Go to next list item, link, heading, or form element** FBN: List items, links, headings, forms	**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	**Go back to previous heading, landmark, table, etc.** Swipe up or left

Reading Text

Say prior line, word, character	Say from cursor	Say character phonetically	Say next word, line, paragraph	Spell word
LCM: Line, word, character; Swipe right.	GCM: Read from next item	GCM > TalkBack Settings > Speak phonetic letters	LCM: Word, line, paragraph; Swipe right.	GCM: Spell last utterance
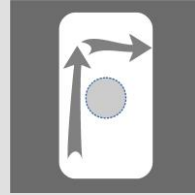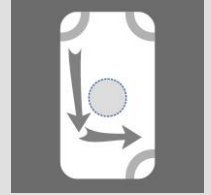
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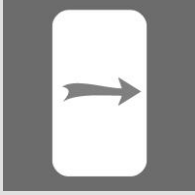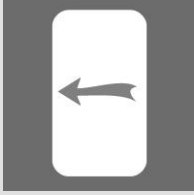
Cell to right	Cell to left	Cell below	Cell above	Note: In Chrome, TalkBack does not announce row or columns headers; FireFox gives a description of the table and announces row and column header.
Swipe right	Swipe left	Explore by touch	Explore by touch	

Forms

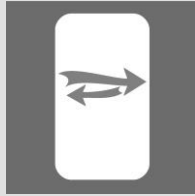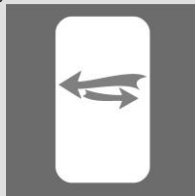| Select and deselect	Open combo box	Browse combo box options	Select multiple options	Toggle radio buttons
Double tap	Double tap	Explore by touch or swipe	Double tap each option to select or deselect	Double tap

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

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