



## Apple VoiceOver: the basics of the built-in screen reader

### What is VoiceOver?

VoiceOver is Apple's built-in screen reader. VoiceOver can describe what is displayed on-screen, read texts out loud and allows users to control the device through voice commands.

### How to turn on VoiceOver

Go to the Settings app on your Apple device. Tap Accessibility and locate VoiceOver. Tap the toggle button to turn VoiceOver on or off.

### How do I use my device once VoiceOver is enabled?

When VoiceOver is enabled, standard touchscreen gestures will have different effects. Additional gestures let you move around the screen and control individual items.

VoiceOver gestures include one-, two-, three-, and four-finger taps and swipes.

## Basic VoiceOver gestures:

- **Select and speak an item:** Tap or touch the item
- **Select the next item:** Swipe right
- **Select the previous item:** Swipe left
- **Move into a group of items:** Two-finger swipe right
- **Move out of a group of items:** Two-finger swipe left
- **Select the first item on the screen:** Four-finger tap near the top of the screen
- **Select the last item on the screen:** Four-finger tap near the bottom of the screen
- **Speak the entire screen from the top:** Two-finger swipe up
- **Speak the entire screen from the selected item:** Two-finger swipe down
- **Pause or continue speaking:** Two-finger tap
- **Speak additional information, such as the position within a list or whether text is selected:** Three-finger tap

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