



Android TalkBack: the basics of the built-in screen reader

What is TalkBack?

TalkBack is the built-in screen reader on Android products.

TalkBack can describe what is displayed onscreen, read text aloud and allows users to control the device through touch gestures.

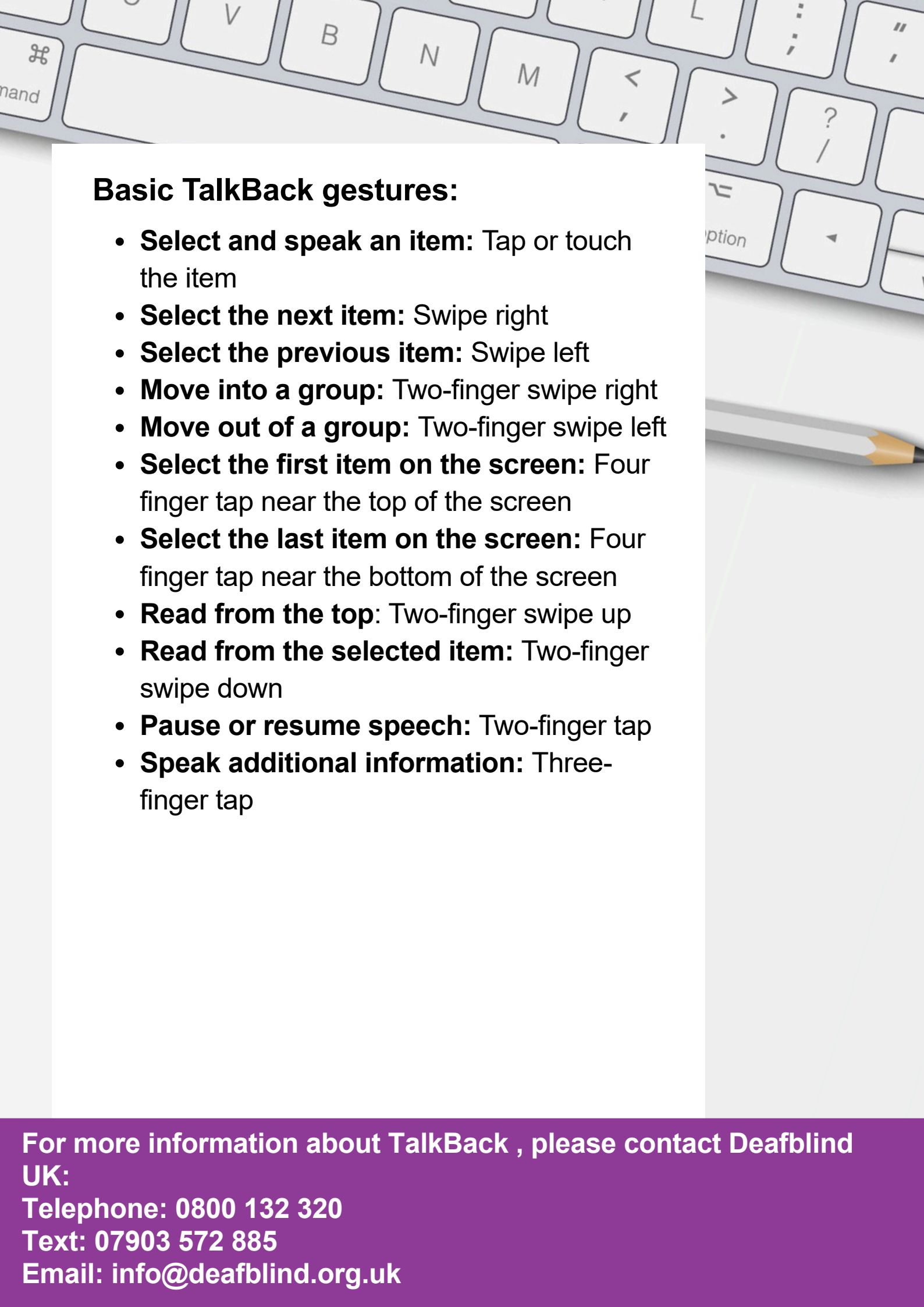
How to turn on TalkBack

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

How do I use my device once TalkBack is enabled?

When TalkBack is enabled, standard touchscreen gestures will have different effects.

Additional gestures let you move around the screen and control individual items.

The background of the page features a close-up, slightly angled view of a light-colored laptop keyboard. Visible keys include 'V', 'B', 'N', 'M', and punctuation keys like '<', '>', '?/'. Below the keyboard, a portion of a silver pencil with a yellow eraser and a sharpened lead tip is visible, resting on a light surface. The overall aesthetic is clean and professional.

Basic TalkBack 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:** Two-finger swipe right
- **Move out of a group:** 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
- **Read from the top:** Two-finger swipe up
- **Read from the selected item:** Two-finger swipe down
- **Pause or resume speech:** Two-finger tap
- **Speak additional information:** Three-finger tap

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