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Accessible Devices

Explore different accessibility options to set up your device to suit your needs with the different accessibility options below.



Support with Vision:

- **Screen Readers:** Built-in screen readers like VoiceOver (iOS) and TalkBack (Android) can narrate on-screen content for vision-impaired users.
- **Text Size and Display Settings:** Increase font sizes and icon sizes for readability, adjust screen brightness, and use high contrast modes for improved visibility.
- **Magnification Tools:** Both iOS and Android offer display magnifiers to zoom in on specific areas of the screen.
- **Color Adjustments:** Customise background colour filters or invert colours to suit vision needs.



Support with Hearing:

- **Volume Controls:** Increase device volume and customize sound profiles, ensuring alerts and calls are audible.
- **Hearing Aid Compatibility:** Many devices offer settings to link directly to hearing aids, improving sound quality.
- **Live Captioning and Subtitles:** Display real-time captions on video and audio content to support understanding.
- **Bluetooth Connectivity:** Connect to external devices like Bluetooth speakers or headphones to enhance sound accessibility.

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Support with Dexterity and Touch:

- **Voice Assistants:** Siri (iOS), Google Assistant (Android), and Alexa can perform tasks through voice commands and mobile phones often have a voice access feature in settings.
- **Simple Layout:** Enable Easy Mode on Android to create a simplified home screen with larger icons and fewer options.
- **Assistive Touch or Universal Switch:** iOS offers Assistive Touch and Android has Universal Switch for users who have difficulty pressing buttons.
- **Touch Sensitivity and Control:** Adjust touch settings to respond to light taps, long presses to help users with tremors or limited motion.



How to Adjust Accessibility Settings: Android

1. **Access the Settings Menu:** Swipe down from the top of the screen and tap on the settings cog.
2. **Navigate to Accessibility:** Find and open the Accessibility menu, where you'll find options to customize settings for vision, hearing, and dexterity.
3. **Customise Features:** Enable features like large text, magnification, and voice commands based on specific needs.
4. **Set Up Shortcuts:** Add an accessibility shortcut to your home screen, allowing for quick access to frequently used settings.



How to Adjust Accessibility Settings: Apple

- 1. Open the Settings App:** Find the Settings app on your home screen and tap to open.
- 2. Scroll to Accessibility:** Within the Settings menu, locate and select Accessibility to view available features.
- 3. Adjust to Fit Needs:** From here, adjust vision, hearing, and motor-related settings, such as screen readers and assistive touch.
- 4. Create an Accessibility Shortcut:** Set up a shortcut by navigating to Accessibility > Accessibility Shortcut, so you can quickly access essential features.

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