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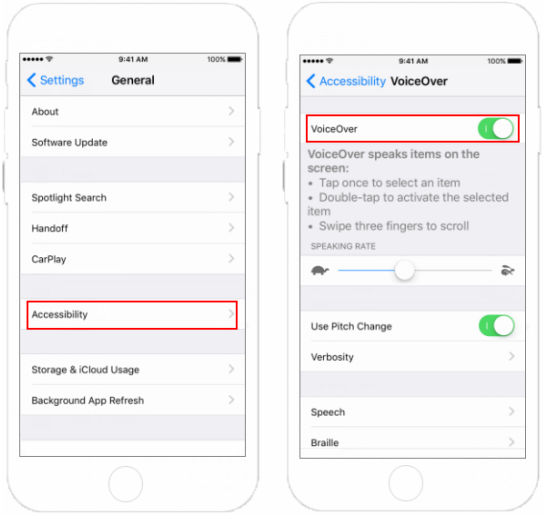
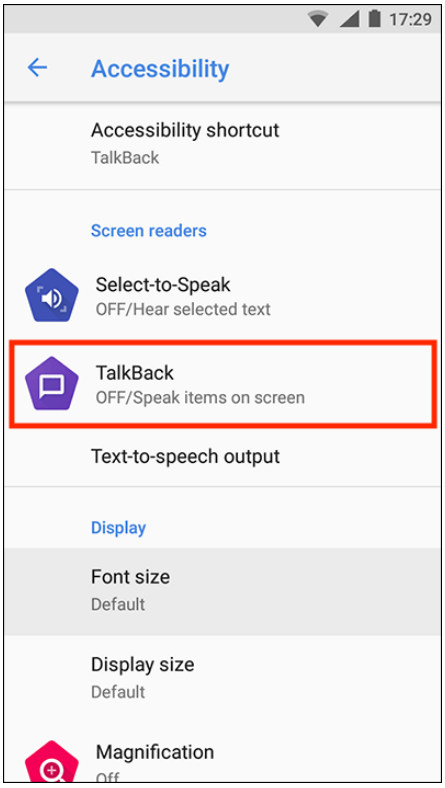
What is Voiceover?



VoiceOver is an Accessibility feature that makes the iPhone and iPad easier to operate for the blind and sight-impaired. With VoiceOver, anyone with a visual impairment can have their iPhone or iPad's screen read to them, including buttons, icons, links, and other interface elements, and use gestures to navigate and select options. VoiceOver is a gesture-based screen reader that allows you to use an iPhone or iPad even if you can't see the screen. When you touch the screen or drag your finger over it, VoiceOver speaks the name of the item your finger is on, including icons and text. To interact with the item, such as a button or link, or to navigate to another

What is Talkback?



TalkBack is the Google screen reader included on Android devices. TalkBack gives you eyes-free control of your device. With TalkBack, anyone with a visual impairment can have their phone or tablet screen read to them. TalkBack gestures help you navigate and perform frequent actions on your Android device.

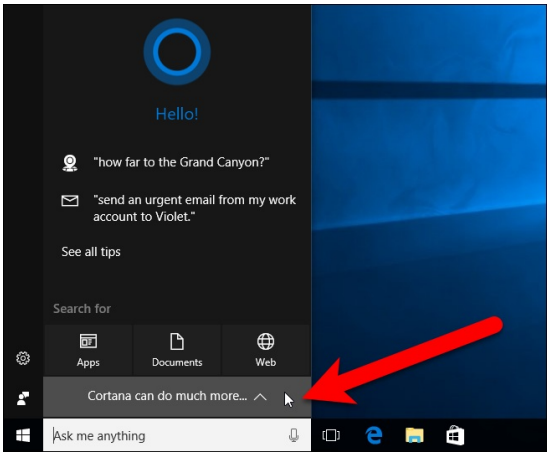
item, use VoiceOver gestures.

Voiceover Gestures

Video Tutorial

TalkBack Gestures

Video Tutorial



Windows Cortana

Cortana is Microsoft's personal productivity assistant that helps you save time and focus attention on what matters most. To get started, select the Cortana icon on the taskbar at the bottom of the screen. If you're not sure what to say, try asking, "What can you do?"

Here are some things Cortana can do for you:

- Manage your calendar and keep your schedule up to date
- Join a meeting in Microsoft Teams or find out who your next meeting is with
- Create and manage lists
- Set reminders and alarms
- Find facts, definitions, and info
- Open apps on your computer

Windows

MISSOURI ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Missouri Assistive Technology

Missouri Assistive Technology offers a variety of programs for individuals with disabilities or for individuals experiencing age related changes. Each program plays a role in finding the right match for the individual. In State FY 2022, Missouri Assistive Technology provided 6,729 assistive devices and delivered support services to 19,443 Missourians with disabilities, family members, and professionals. Through this program, individuals and/or their support teams are allowed to try and compare assistive technology devices before purchasing them. The mission of Missouri Assistive Technology is to increase access to and acquisition of assistive technology and related services.

Learn More

Cortana

Financial Assistance for Tech Devices

The Missouri Council of the Blind will cover up to 50% of the cost of devices for eligible members through their adaptive technology program. For more information on this program, visit the link below.

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