

How to use voice assistants

This guide assists in setting up and using voice assistants like Amazon Alexa, Google Assistant, and Apple Siri for tasks like setting reminders, checking weather, playing music, and controlling smart home devices.

It offers tips for personalisation, privacy, issue troubleshooting, and additional support resources to enhance daily efficiency with voice commands.



How to use this guide



Learn about voice assistants

Understand what voice assistants are and see examples like Amazon Alexa, Google Assistant, and Apple Siri.



Explore their uses

Discover how to use voice assistants to set reminders, check the weather, play music, and ask questions.



Get started easily

Follow simple setup steps for Amazon Alexa, Google Assistant, and Apple Siri, and learn basic voice commands.



Some tips

Find tips for better voice recognition, customizing settings, and managing privacy to enhance your experience.

What is a Voice Assistant?



Voice assistants are AI-powered tools that respond to voice commands.

Examples include Amazon Alexa, Google Assistant, and Apple Siri.



How can voice assistant help you



You can ask your voice assistant to help you with things like:

Set Reminders: "Set a timer for 10 minutes."

Check the Weather: "What's the weather today?"

Play Music: "Play my favourite songs."

Ask Questions: "What is the capital of Australia?"

Getting Started





Setup: Download the Alexa app on your smartphone.

Plug in your Echo device and follow the instructions in the app.

Commands: Say "Alexa" followed by your request. Example: "Alexa, what's the news?"







Google Assistant

Setup: Available on most Android devices or through the Google Home app.

Commands: Say "Hey Google" or "OK Google" followed by your request.

Example: "Hey Google, set an alarm for 7 AM."

Getting Started





Apple Siri

Setup: Available on iPhones, iPads, and Mac computers.

Commands: Say "Hey Siri" followed by your request.

Example: "Hey Siri, remind me to call John."

Some tips on using voice assistants



Voice Recognition: Speak clearly and at a normal pace.

Personalisation: Customise settings in the app for better recommendations and responses.

Privacy Settings: Review and adjust privacy settings to control data sharing and usage.

Common Uses

- **Home Control:** "Turn off the lights" (with smart home devices).
- Shopping Lists: "Add milk to my shopping list."
- News Updates: "What's the latest news?"

Troubleshooting



Connectivity Issues: Ensure your device is connected to Wi-Fi.

Unresponsive Device: Restart your voice assistant or check for updates in the app.

Additional resources



Conclusion: Voice assistants can make daily tasks easier and more efficient. By following this guide, you can set up and use a voice assistant to help with reminders, information, and more.

Additional Resources:

Amazon Alexa Help: <u>Alexa Support</u>

Google Assistant Help: Google Assistant Help

Apple Siri Help: Siri Support

Feel free to reach out to local community centers or online forums if you need further assistance with your voice assistant.