

Samsung Voice Assistant Gestures! (Back In The Day Called "Galaxy Talkback")

The following list of gestures, are thanks to articles from [Android Central](#) and [Media Access Australia](#), thus many of the gestures listed below will be repeats.

In addition, any "newer" gestures which "may" have been added recently, are "NOT" listed here.

One finger gestures

Tapping: Read aloud the item under your finger. To explore the screen, place a finger on the screen and move it on the screen.

Tapping twice: Open the selected item. While selected items are read aloud, when you hear the item you want, release your finger from the item. Then, tap anywhere on the screen twice quickly.

Double-tapping and holding the screen: Move an item or access an available option.

Swiping to the left: Move to the previous item.

Swiping to the right: Move to the next item.

Swiping upwards or downwards: Use the most recent contextual menu option or change its settings. In text selection mode, move the cursor backwards or forwards to select text.

Swiping to the left then right in one motion: Scroll up the screen.

Swiping to the right then left in one motion: Scroll down the screen.

Swiping upwards then downwards in one motion: Move to the first item on the screen.

Swiping downwards then upwards in one motion: Move to the last item on the screen.

Two finger gestures

Tapping: Pause or resume voice feedback.

Tapping twice: Start, pause, or resume playback.

Tapping three times: Check the current time, remaining battery power, and mode.

Double-tapping and holding the screen: Enable or disable text selection mode.

Swiping to the left: Move to the next page. In text selection mode, cut the selected text.

Swiping to the right: Return to the previous page. In text selection mode, paste the copied text.

Swiping upwards: Scroll down the list. In text selection mode, copy the selected text.

Swiping downwards: Scroll up the list. In text selection mode, select all text.

Swiping in any direction on the locked screen: Unlock the screen.

Swiping downwards from the top of the screen: Open the notification panel.

Three finger gestures

Tapping: Start reading items aloud from the top.

Tapping twice: Start reading from the next item.

Tapping three times: Read the last selected text and copy it to the clipboard.

Swiping to the left or right: Open the contextual menu and scroll through the options.

Swiping upwards or downwards: Change the text reading and selecting granularity.

NB. The article from Android Central was from the perspective using a Galaxy S7, though all of the info below is still relevant till this very day.

Navigating around the phone using Voice Assistant

Once you've first turned Voice Assistant on for the first time, we'd highly recommend you go through Voice Assistant Help, which will walk through how to control your phone with interactive guides. Here are the gestures you'll absolutely need to get around:

Swipe with two fingers on the Lock screen to unlock, or bring up the pattern grid.

Single tap anywhere on the screen and the Galaxy S7 will speak aloud the item that you're tapping on and highlight it with a blue cursor box.

Triple tap with two fingers to have voice assistant read out the information displayed in the status bar.

Swipe left or right with one finger to move the cursor to the next item or icon.

Double tap on an item to select it.

Use two fingers to scroll through a page or menu. With Voice Assistant off you typically use only one finger to scroll, but with Voice Assistant turned on, you'll need to use two so your phone doesn't misread a tap as a scroll. This works for vertical scrolling on a menu or website, or horizontally to switch between Home screen pages.

Swipe three fingers up or down to change the Voice Assistant

Swipe three fingers left or right to toggle through Voice Assistant options on any screen. Swipe up or down with one finger to activate/adjust the settings:

Media volume: increase or decrease volume.

Speech rate: increase or decrease speech rate

Punctuation: include or omit punctuation in voice feedback

Dark screen: enable or disable screen display

Large cursor: enable or disable a thick border around the focus box

Notification bar: open or close notification bar

Swipe down with two fingers from the top to pull down the notification shade. NOTE: you must have Notification turned on (see above)

Tap and hold when typing with the keyboard to have Voice Assistant use the phonetic alphabet.

Tap with two fingers to temporarily pause the Voice Assistant during playback.

Double tap with two fingers to start or stop music or a video, or to answer a phone call.

Editing text

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Double tap and hold with two fingers to enable or disable selection mode.

Swipe upwards or downwards with one finger while in selection mode to select characters.

Swipe left with two fingers to cut the selected text.

Swipe right with two fingers to paste characters.

Swipe downwards with two fingers to select all text

Swipe upwards with two fingers to copy selected text

Swipe upwards then downwards or downwards then upwards with one finger to move the input cursor to the first or last position.

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Source:

<https://www.androidcentral.com/how-use-voice-assistant-galaxy-s7>