Use Live Caption

With a single tap, Live Caption automatically captions speech on your device. Use it on videos, podcasts, phone calls, video calls, and audio messages – even stuff you record yourself.

Important: Some of these steps work only on Android 10 and up. Learn how to check your Android version.

Turn on Live Caption

Live Caption works in English on Pixel 2 and later, and selected other Android phones.

To turn Live Caption on or off:

1. Press the volume button.
2. Under the volume controls, tap Live Caption 🖭.

When Live Caption is turned on, captions appear for speech in media playing on your device.

On Pixel phones, captions also appear during calls. The person on the other end of the call is notified with a voice announcement that captions are on.

All captions are processed locally, never stored, and never leave your device.

Note: If you don't see Live Caption, you might need to update your Device Personalization Services on your Android device.

Move the caption box

- Move the caption box: Touch and hold, then drag up or down.
- Hide captions and turn off Live Caption: Drag the caption box off the bottom of your screen.
- Expand or contract the caption box: Double-tap. (Not available during calls.)

Change Live Caption settings

1. Open your device's Settings app ⚙.
2. Tap **Sound** ⟩ **Live Caption**.
3. Under Settings, view or change these settings:
   o Turn Live Caption on or off.
   o Hide or show profanity.
   o Hide or show sound labels, such as laughter and applause.
   o Hide or show the Live Caption icon in volume control.

o   Turn call captioning on or off (Pixel phones only).

Note: To change the caption size, style, and color, go to [caption preferences](#).

Battery use & other notes

During calls or when media is playing, Live Caption uses more battery. Live Caption automatically turns off in [battery saver mode](#).

Other notes about Live Caption:

- Captions are currently available for English only.
- Live Caption isn't intended for calls with more than 1 other person.
- During calls, if you mute your side during the captions disclosure announcement, the announcement is muted. Please make sure that the person you're talking to knows that captions are on.
- Captions might be unavailable for some media and calling apps, since apps can [opt out](#) of sharing their audio stream with the phone's operating system.
- Live Caption works best on audio with clear speech and low background noise.
- Live Caption doesn't work on music.
- Live Caption doesn't use mobile data or an internet connection. All audio and captions are processed on the device and are never stored or sent to Google.