

Enable voice control in accessibility settings:

Voice Control is meant to help individuals use a device when they have limited functionality or mobility in their hands. It can sometimes be incredibly helpful for users of smartphones with low confidence or skill level to become more acquainted with their device, especially for users that struggle with navigating the new iPhones without the home buttons.

Starting from the home screen, find and open the Settings app. You can also open the Settings app using Siri by saying “Hey Siri, open Settings.”

Go down the settings menu until you find “Accessibility.” In Accessibility, find Voice Control. Before enabling Voice Control, we want to turn off a few commands. To do this, go to “Customize Commands.”

In Customize Commands, navigate down to “Dictation.” For the first option, <phrase>, switch it from Enabled to Disabled. Next, go to <phrase> emoji and turn it from Enabled to Disabled.

Navigate back to the Voice Control menu. Once there, go down until you find “Show Hints,” and disable it. You can consider leaving this on because the feature is helpful at the start, but it gets annoying because it will start providing “hints” on how to use voice control when you don’t do anything with your phone for a short period of time. I also recommend enabling “Play Sound,” so that you know when the phone has listened to you.

With Voice Control, you can now open apps by saying “Open BLANK,” without having to go through Siri. To type something while in a text box, you can say “Type PHRASE.” In addition, you never have to swipe up from the bottom on the new iPhone without the home button to go back home, because you can simply say “Go Home.”

Next, enable VoiceOver by saying “Hey Siri, turn VoiceOver on.” Another way is by saying “Turn VoiceOver On” while Voice Control is on.

Most helpful voice control commands:

- **VoiceOver Activate** – will choose/select whatever item the selector is on.
- **VoiceOver Magic Tap** – will perform the tap that is meant to answer/hangup phone calls as well as play or pause music or video.

- **VoiceOver read all** - will read everything on the iPhone's screen.
- **VoiceOver stop speaking**
- **VoiceOver speak summary**
- **VoiceOver select next/previous item** - move the voiceover cursor to the next or previous item
- **VoiceOver select next/previous app**
- **VoiceOver select next/previous rotor**
- **VoiceOver select next/previous rotor option**
- **Go Back**
- **Scroll Down/Up**
- **Scroll To Bottom/Top**
- **Go Home**
- **Tap <Button>**
 - You can only tap a button that's visible and within view on the screen, which is why you might want to consider decreasing text size.
- **Open <App>**
- **Type <Phrase>**
- **Tap Dictate**
- **Text Navigation:**
 - **Move Up / Down / Left / Right**
 - **Move To Beginning (Of Word / Sentence / Paragraph)**
 - **Move To End (Of Word, Of Sentence, Of Paragraph)**
- **Text Selection:**
 - **Select That / Select All / Select <Phrase>**
 - **Select Character / Word / Sentence**
 - **Select Previous Character / Word / Sentence**
- **Text Editing:**
 - **Replace <Phrase> With <Phrase>**
 - **Insert <Phrase> With <Phrase>**
 - **Copy That**
 - **Cut That**
 - **Paste That**
 - **Undo That / Redo That**
- **Text Deletion:**
 - **Delete That / Delete All / Delete <Phrase>**
 - **Delete Character / Word / Sentence**
 - **Delete Previous Character / Word / Sentence**