

Guide for seniors #4 – How to use Google Assistant

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What is Google Assistant?

Google Assistant is Google's voice assistant.

Google Assistant is activated by doing a long hold on the home button or home icon of your phone. Hold the button, and Google Assistant will ask you to speak what you want. Then it will begin the search **process**. You should also be able to trigger Google Assistant to launch by saying “OK Google” followed by your query.

Google Assistant supports both text or voice entry and it will follow the conversation whichever entry method you're using.

What can Google Assistant do?

Google Assistant offers voice commands, voice searching, and voice-activated device control, letting you complete a number of tasks after you've said the "OK Google" or "Hey, Google" wake words. It is designed to give you conversational interactions.

Google Assistant will:

- Control your devices and your smart home
- Access information from your calendars and other personal information
- Find information online, from restaurant bookings to directions, weather and news
- Control your music
- Play content on your Chromecast or other compatible devices
- Run timers and reminders
- Make appointments and send messages
- Open apps on your phone
- Read your notifications to you
- Real-time spoken translations

Google Assistant can be your personal digital assistant and your best friend – if you want!