



Just Basics for Android Devices

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Hi, my name is Hong Sen, I am an IT trainer at Guide Dogs Singapore. Today, I'll be showing you how you can perform some basic functions on an Android phone.

Firstly, we will be taking a look at how you can power on and off your Android phone. We will then see how you can adjust the volume levels to your preference. Last but not least, we will see how you can trigger Google Assistant which can help you to perform some simple tasks.

Power On the Pixel Phone

Today, we will be demonstrating on the Google Pixel 6. In one of the previous videos, we have gone through the orientation for the Pixel. You may wish to refer to that for a quick refresher.

To power on the Pixel 6, and almost all other Android devices, press and hold down the 'Power' button for

about 5 seconds. You should be able to feel a slight vibration feedback.

Let's now give that a try.

[Demo: Hong Sen power on the phone by holding down the 'Power' button for about 5 seconds.]

I have felt the vibration feedback, and the Pixel is now powering on. This should take about 20 - 30 seconds. TalkBack will start talking once the Pixel has booted up as we have enabled that previously.

Adjust Volume

The Pixel has now powered up. Let's now explore how we can adjust the volume of the phone. The volume up button increases the volume, and the volume down button decreases the volume. This will affect any media that is currently playing, or if you are in a call, this will adjust the call volume.

To adjust TalkBack's volume, touch anywhere on the screen with one finger while pressing the volume buttons. Let's now give that a try.

[Demo: Hong Sen uses his left hand with one finger to touch the phone screen, then follow by using his right hand to press the volume buttons to adjust the

volume of TalkBack. TalkBack reads out accordingly, volume increases when Hong Sen presses the volume up button, then volume decreases when Hong Sen presses the volume down button.]

Activate Google Assistant (Virtual Assistant)

Alright, that's how you adjust volume on your Android device.

Let's now take a look at Google Assistant. Google Assistant is a virtual assistant that allows you to use spoken commands to perform some simple tasks, such as asking questions, turning on and off features of the phone, etc. To bring up Google Assistant, press and hold the 'Power' button.

Let's now give that a try.

[Demo: Hong Sen pressing the 'Power' button, to bring up Google Assistant. TalkBack talks when Google Assistant is activated.]

Let's try some simple commands.

[Demo: Hong Sen taps on 'Assistant Microphone' and asks a question - "What's the time?". Then Google Assistant tells out the time. Hong Sen continues

asking the second question - “How’s the weather?”, then Google Assistant replies accordingly.]

Let’s now try to use Google Assistant to turn off TalkBack.

[Demo: Hong Sen taps on ‘Assistant Microphone’ and says - “Turn off TalkBack”. Then Google Assistant says, “TalkBack off”.]

So, this is how Google Assistant works.

Another way to trigger Google Assistant is to say ‘OK, Google’ or ‘Hey Google’ command. This needs to be set up during the setup process of the phone, or in ‘Assistant’ app.

So, these are the basic functionalities of an Android phone. We have seen how an Android phone can be powered on and off, how to adjust volume levels, and how to trigger Google Assistant. I hope you found this to be useful. Once again, my name is Hong Sen, and we’ll meet again next time.

If you would like to learn more about operating your phone, you can contact our IT trainers at Guide Dogs Singapore by calling us at 6339 7900 or emailing us at IT@guidedogs.org.sg.