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Amazon Echo (Alexa)

Introduction

Alexa is a cloud-based voice service, and using Alexa is as simple as asking a question. You can just ask Alexa to play music, make calls, set alarms and timers, ask questions, check your calendar, weather, traffic, sports scores, manage to-do lists, control smart home devices and more.

Alexa continues to open possibilities and new ways to experience the world. Alexa's accessibility features are helping people be more connected, more entertained, and more independent.

What you need for Amazon Echo to work?


- WiFi
- Smart Phone or Tablet
- An Amazon Account
- An Amazon Echo Device - Echo, Echo Dot, Echo Plus, Echo Show

How to set the Amazon Echo device up

To set up your Echo so that you can listen to music, get the news, set timers, reminders, alarms and much more - all hands-free!

STEP 1: Make sure your Echo device is plugged in and connected to your Wi-Fi.

STEP 2: Download the Alexa App in either your:

- Internet Browser at <https://alexa.amazon.co.uk>
- Open the App Store on your Android Smart Phone / Tablet or on your iPhone / iPad
 - Search for Amazon Alexa app.  and select install

- sign in with your Amazon account or Sign up if you don't have an account at <https://www.amazon.co.uk>

STEP 3: In the Alexa app, tap the Devices icon, then the + symbol and follow the in-app instructions to connect your Echo to your Wi-Fi network.

Once your Echo Dot is set up there are a huge number of things you can ask Alexa to do. You can start off your day by asking Alexa what the weather is, or for your daily news briefing.

She can do a number of smartphone-type tasks, things such as setting an alarm or timer, acting as a reference when you have a question, or letting you make calls or send messages to your contacts.

How to create Alexa Shopping Lists

Whether you're grocery shopping by yourself or with the help of others, we can all use a shopping list. With Alexa, you can use your voice to create and access your Shopping List on any Echo device, on the Alexa app, and in the Amazon app.

Follow the steps below:

- Just say, "Alexa, what's on my shopping list?" Alexa will respond, "Here's your shopping list," and will read aloud the first five items on the list.
- To add an item to your list, say, "Alexa, add milk to my shopping list." Alexa will respond, "I've added milk to your shopping list."
- To remove an item from your list, just say, "Alexa, check off milk from my shopping list." Alexa will respond, "I've checked off milk from your shopping list."
- To check off everything from your list, just say, "Alexa, clear my shopping list."

A copy of your shopping list is always available on the Shopping List page of the Alexa app, and on the Amazon app.

How to set up Alexa Routines

Alexa Routines are useful for making several things happen with a single request. You can set up a morning or evening routine for yourself or a loved one with Alexa. For example, you could have Alexa turn on

the lights, read the news, and announce any appointments on the calendar for the day.

Follow the steps below:

- Open the Alexa app and open the navigation panel in the top left corner.
- Tap Routines, then tap the Plus (+) icon in the top right corner to create a new routine.
- Choose a time to set, how often to repeat the routine, what action you want Alexa to take, and what you want Alexa to say.

Alexa Routines are available on all Echo devices

To watch tutorials:

For videos showing you how to get the most out of your Alexa-enabled device including how to use routines, smart home, communications, Alexa Skills and more visit our YouTube page at:

<https://www.youtube.com/AmazonAlexaUK/videos>

The best place to learn more about:

- What Alexa can do and how to do it.
- Brush up on the basics.
- Discover what's new.
- Explore how to make the most of your Echo device.

Is the 'Meet Alexa' page on Amazon

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/b?node=12728352031>

What to do next?

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 - **Our holistic needs assessment (Sight Loss MOT)**
 - **Training for people with central vision loss (Skills for Seeing)**
 - **Emotional Wellbeing Support - Feeling Well, Keeping Well**
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