

Devon in Sight Managing at Home Fact Sheet 21

Using Amazon Echo (Alexa)

Introduction

Alexa allows you to ask questions and make requests using just your voice. Listed below are some practical uses for Alexa.

Access to Information

- What is the time (local and time in Tokyo, for example)?
- What is the weather (local and also what is the weather is in El Paso Texas,)?
- How old is Prince Charles?
- What is the largest county in England?

Play Music

- Listen to podcasts
- Open RNIB tech talk (say the R.N.I.B clearly with slight pauses between letters otherwise Alexa may think your saying something line arenibee and get confused.

To do list

- Add tomatoes to my shopping list
- Add book vets appointment to my to do list

Calendar

- "What is in my calendar today"?
- "Add appointment to my calendar"?

How to add contacts to an echo dot.

1. Open the Alexa app
2. Open Communicate
3. Select the contacts icon
4. Select the menu icon, and then Add Contact
5. Enter a name and phone number, and then select Save

Make a call to a landline

- Call named contact
- Call the number, just say call 07901 ...etc

News, including Flash briefing

- What is my flash briefing?

Control techniques

- Speak slower / faster; Speak at your default rate
- Increase / decrease volume; what is the volume level; set volume to ...;

Enable follow-on mode

- (example "what is the time" ... wait for response and then say "and what is the time in London", i.e. with follow-on mode don't need the keyword "Alexa" again which makes conversations more natural.

What to do next?

If you need any further advice call our Helpline: 01392 876 666

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- **Information, Advice and Guidance**
 - **Demonstrations of Low Vision Aids & Daily Living Equipment**
 - **Assistive Technology Solutions – Sight & Sound Technology Partnership**
 - **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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