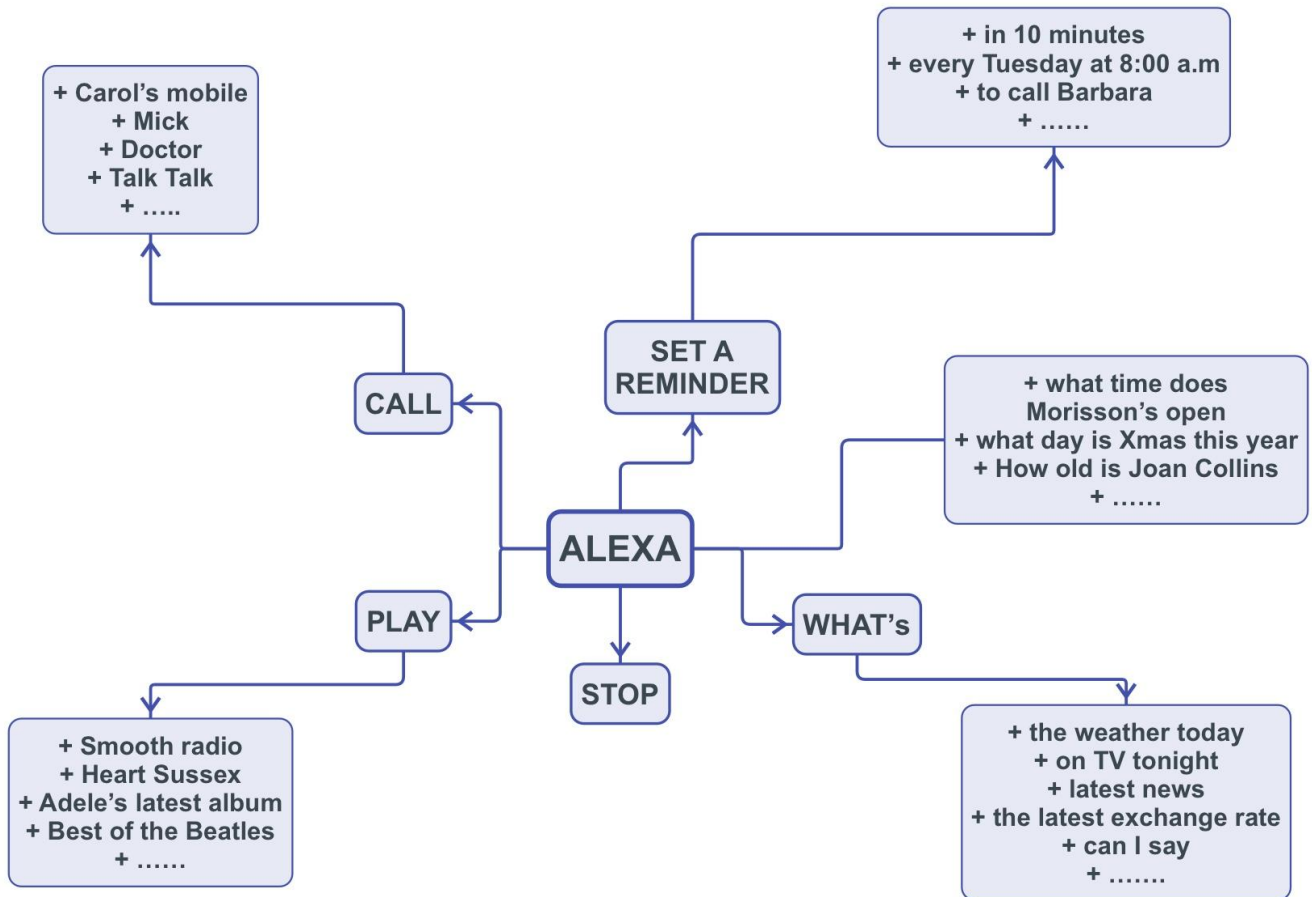


What can Alexa do for me?



Basic Alexa commands

Ask for help: "Alexa, help."

Mute or unmute: "Alexa, mute" or, "Alexa, unmute."

Stop or pause: "Alexa, stop" or, "Alexa, shut up."

Change volume: "Alexa, set the volume to 5," "Alexa, louder" or "Alexa, turn up/down the volume."

Coronavirus-related Alexa commands

Ask for coronavirus information: "Alexa, what is the coronavirus?"

Ask for coronavirus news updates: "Alexa, what's the latest with the coronavirus?"

Ask for help timing your handwashing for 20 seconds: "Alexa, help me wash my hands."

Alexa commands to control media

Adjust audio settings: "Alexa, set the bass to four."

Play music: "Alexa, play some music."

Play music on other (or multiple) Alexa devices: "Alexa, play [artist/album/song/genre] in the living room" or
"Alexa, play [music] everywhere."

Queue specific song or artist: "Alexa, play music by [artist]."

Play a song based on context: "Alexa, play the latest Avett Brothers album" or "Alexa, play that song that goes 'Gotta gotta be down, because I want it all.'"

Play music based on a theme: "Alexa, play baby-making music" or "Alexa, play rock music for working."

Play the song of the day: "Alexa, play the song of the day."

Play Spotify music: "Alexa, play [playlist] on Spotify."

Play Pandora station: "Alexa, play [artist] station on Pandora."

Play a radio station: "Alexa, play [radio station call letters, example: WEBN]."

Play an audiobook: "Alexa, play [title] on Audible," "Alexa, read [title]" or "Alexa, play the book, [title]."

Resume the last played audiobook: "Alexa, resume my book."

Skip audiobook chapters: "Alexa, next chapter" or "Alexa, previous chapter."

Play a bedtime story: "Alexa, open Storytime"

Listen to Alexa read you a Kindle book: "Alexa, read my Kindle book."

Set a sleep timer: "Alexa set a sleep timer for 45 minutes" or "Alexa, stop playing in 45 minutes."

Song information: "Alexa, what's playing?"

Music controls: "Alexa, play" or "Alexa, next."

Control music playback on another Alexa speaker: "Alexa, stop in the kitchen" or "Alexa, next in the office."

Restart song: "Alexa, restart."

Add a song to your Prime Music library: "Alexa, add this song."

Create a playlist in Amazon Music: "Alexa, create a new playlist," or "Alexa, create a 'Friday Chill' playlist."

Add a song to a playlist in Amazon Music: "Alexa, add this song to my playlist," or "Alexa, add this to my
[playlist name] playlist."

Like or dislike a song on Pandora and iHeartRadio: "Alexa, I like this song" or "Alexa, thumbs down."

Start Amazon Music Unlimited trial: "Alexa, start my free trial of Amazon Music Unlimited."

"Alexa, wake me up every day at 8 am to music" allows users to set their mornings off right with music from
Pandora, Spotify, TuneIn, iHeartRadio and Vevo.

Alexa commands to control time and dates

Set an alarm: "Alexa, set an alarm for 7 a.m." or "Alexa, wake me up at 7 in the morning."

Set a music alarm: "Alexa, wake me up to [artist, song, genre, playlist or album] at 8 a.m.," "Alexa, set an alarm to Band of Horses" or "Alexa, wake me up to Kiss FM on TuneIn."

Set a repeating alarm: "Alexa, set a repeating alarm for weekdays at 7 a.m."

Set a timer: "Alexa, timer" or "Alexa, set a timer for 15 minutes."

Set a music timer: "Alexa, set a 15-minute timer to My Heart will Go On"

Create a named timer: "Alexa, set a pizza timer for 20 minutes."

Set multiple timers: "Alexa, set a second timer for 5 minutes."

Check timer status: "Alexa, how much time is left on the pizza timer?" or "Alexa, what are my timers?"

Cancel a timer: "Alexa, cancel the pizza timer" or "Alexa, cancel the 15-minute timer."

Ask the time: "Alexa, what time is it?"

Ask the date: "Alexa, what's the date?"

Ask when the next alarm is: "Alexa, when's my next alarm?"

Cancel an alarm: "Alexa, cancel my alarm for 2 p.m."

Snooze alarm: "Alexa, snooze."

Check dates: "Alexa, when is [holiday] this year?"

Alexa commands for calls and messaging

You can make calls and leave voicemails to other Echo users, as well as "Drop In" to your own echo devices, either to voice or video chat with whoever's in the room (or just to monitor the space like a security camera). If you have an Android, you can send text messages with Alexa.

Call another Echo user: "Alexa, call [name]."

Answer an incoming call: "Alexa, answer the call" or "Alexa, answer."

Hang up: "Alexa, hang up" or "Alexa, end the call."

Message another Echo user: "Alexa, message [name]" or "Alexa, send [name] a message."

Play messages: "Alexa, play messages."

Send an SMS: "Alexa, send an SMS to [contact name]," or "Alexa, send an SMS."

Use Drop In on one of your own devices: "Alexa, drop in on the living room."

Drop In on another user (requires the other user to allow you to Drop In anytime): "Alexa, drop in on [name]."

Turn off the video during an ongoing call (only works with Echo Show): "Alexa, turn video off."

Make an announcement: "Alexa, announce it's dinner time," "Alexa, broadcast it's time to go" or "Alexa, tell everyone good night."

Number check: "Alexa, open phone number check" → "tell me about 301-555-5555" or "please provide information about 301-555-5555."

Alexa commands for purchasing

Reorder essentials from Amazon: "Alexa, buy more deodorant" or "Alexa, reorder deodorant."

Track packages from Amazon: "Alexa, where's my stuff?" or "Alexa, track my order."

Order an Amazon Alexa device: "Alexa, order an Echo," "Alexa, order an Echo Dot" or "Alexa, order an Amazon Tap."

Add an item to your cart: "Alexa, add garbage bags to my cart."

Order an Uber or Lyft with their skills: "Alexa, ask Uber to request a ride" or, "Alexa, ask Lyft for a ride."

While listening to music in Amazon Music: "Alexa, buy this song" or "Alexa, buy this album."

Find new music to purchase: "Alexa, shop for new music by [artist]."

Purchase a song or album from an artist: "Alexa, buy [song or album] by [artist]."

Ask about deals: "Alexa, what are your deals?"

For good recommendations on products, Alexa has you covered. Just say "Alexa, find me a good smartphone on Amazon," and it will find products based on Amazon customer ratings and reviews.

Alexa commands to control notifications

To turn on notifications, open the Alexa app and select to Settings, then Notifications, then Shopping Notifications and toggle it on. Your Echo speakers will light up yellow when you have new notifications. Check missed notifications: "Alexa, what did I miss?" "Alexa, read my notifications" or "Alexa, what are my notifications?"

Navigate through notifications: "Alexa, next" or, "Alexa, previous."

Delete notifications: "Alexa, delete all of my notifications."

Alexa commands for to-do and shopping lists

Add task to to-do list: "Alexa, add 'go to the grocery store' to my to-do list" or "Alexa, I need to make an appointment with the doctor."

Create a new to-do item: "Alexa, create a to-do."

Check calendar events: "Alexa, what's on my calendar for tomorrow?"

Add an event to a calendar: "Alexa, add [event] to my calendar for [day] at [time]" or "Alexa, add an event to my calendar."

Move a calendar event: "Alexa, move my meeting from 12 to 3."

Create a shopping list: "Alexa, add eggs to my shopping list" or "Alexa, I need to buy laundry detergent."

Check your shopping list: "Alexa, what's on my shopping list?"

Create a reminder: "Alexa, reminder" or "Alexa, remind me to check the oven in 5 minutes."

Check on existing reminders: "Alexa, what are my reminders this weekend?" or "Alexa, what reminders do I have tomorrow?"

Donate money to your favorite charity by saying "Alexa, make a donation to American Cancer Institute Inc." or any number of approved charities.

Want to check your American Express balance? Just say "Alexa, open Amex," and look at your account.

Alexa commands for news and weather

Ask for your Flash Briefing: "Alexa, what's my Flash Briefing?"

Add music news to your Flash Briefing: "Alexa, enable Today in Music."

Check headlines: "Alexa, what's in the news?"

Check weather: "Alexa, what's the weather like?" or "Alexa, will it rain today?" You can also ask "Alexa, will I need an umbrella today?"

Get a weather forecast: "Alexa, what's the weather going to be like this weekend?"

Get traffic information: "Alexa, what's my commute look like?" or "Alexa, what's traffic like?"

Entertainment-related Alexa commands

Find movies in nearby theaters: "Alexa, what movies are playing?" or "Alexa, what action movies are playing tonight?"

Get information on movies playing: "Alexa, tell me about the movie [title]."

Get movie quotes: "Give me a [movie] quote."

Get IMDb rating: "Alexa, what is the IMDb rating for [movie or TV show]?"

Get casting for a movie or show: "Alexa, who plays in [movie or TV show]?"

Find out who an actor is: "Alexa, who plays [character] in [movie or TV show]?"

Find an actor's latest work: "Alexa, what is [actor]'s latest movie?"

Find out who sings a particular song: "Who sings the song [title]?"

Get the names of band members: "Who is in the band [name]?"

Get album information: "What year did [band] release [song or album]?"

Find popular music from an artist: "Alexa, what's popular from [artist]?"

Sample music from an artist: "Alexa, sample songs by [artist]."
Find a particular album or song: "Alexa, find [song or album] by [artist]."

Alexa commands for food and businesses

Get a recipe: "Alexa, how do you make chocolate chip cookies?"
Discover nearby restaurants: "Alexa, find me a nearby pizza restaurant" or "Alexa, what's the nearest coffee shop?"
Get operating hours or a phone number for local businesses: "Alexa, find the address for Bank of America" or "Alexa, find business hours for Harris Teeter."
Saying "Alexa, open Wine Finder" lets Alexa help you match the best vino with your meal. If you tell Alexa you're eating shrimp, it will tell you the best wine.
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Alexa commands for help with math

Convert units: "Alexa, how many [units] are in [units]?"
Convert units: "Alexa, how many [units] are in 2 [units]?"
Basic math: "Alexa, what's 5 plus 7?" or "Alexa, what's 56 times 33?"
Advanced math: "Alexa, 70 factorial." (Warning: Alexa will list numbers you didn't know existed for about a minute.)

Alexa commands that can settle a score

Roll a die: "Alexa, roll a die" or, "Alexa, roll a 26-sided die."
Flip a coin: "Alexa, flip a coin."
Pick a number: "Alexa, pick a number between 1 and 50."
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Kids can ask Alexa to play parent-approved music and stories with the Echo Dot Kids Edition.
Julie Snyder

Alexa commands for help with definitions and spelling

Get the definition of a word: "Alexa, what's the definition of [word]?"
Get the spelling of a word: "Alexa, how do you spell [word]?"

Sports-related Alexa commands

Check the results of a finished game: "Alexa, what was the score of the [team] game?"
Ask if a team won: "Alexa, did the [team] win?"
Ask when the next game is scheduled: "Alexa, when do the [team] play next?"
Find out the results of your favorite teams: "Alexa, give me my Sports Update."
Get Fantasy Football update with the Yahoo Fantasy Football skill: "Alexa, ask Yahoo Fantasy Football for a score update" or "Alexa, ask Yahoo Fantasy Football if Colin Kaepernick is playing this week."
Get league standings: "Alexa, what are the MLB standings?"

Alexa commands for your smart home

Turn lights on or off: "Alexa, turn on the lights" or "Alexa, turn off the living room lights."
Dim the lights: "Alexa, dim the lights to 50 percent."
Change the color of the lights: "Alexa, make the living room lights red" or "Alexa, turn the lights to soft white."
Change the color temperature of the lights: "Alexa, make the kitchen lights a little warmer."
Adjust temperature: "Alexa, raise the temperature 1 degree."
Set temperature: "Alexa, set the temperature to 72."
Lock your doors: "Alexa, lock my back door."

Close your garage door: "Alexa, ask Garageio to close my garage."

Discover smart home devices: "Alexa, discover my devices."

Use IFTTT recipes: "Alexa, trigger [IFTTT recipe]."

Activate a scene (limited to Control4, Insteon, Lutron Caséta Wireless, Philips Hue, SmartThings and Wink): "Alexa, turn on Movie Time" or "Alexa, turn on Bedtime."

Control GE appliances with the Geneva skill: "Alexa, tell Geneva to preheat my oven to 400 degrees" or "Alexa, ask Geneva if my laundry is dry."

Locate a lost phone with the TrackR Lost My Phone skill: "Alexa, ask TrackR to find my phone."

Control the TV via Harmony hub: "Alexa, turn on the TV" or "Alexa, turn on Netflix."

The Polk Command Bar has Alexa embedded in its soundbar that provides great sound quality.

Saying "Alexa, run Away Mode" produces conversations to scare off any potential burglars.

Alexa Guard can help keep your home safe by alerting you when it picks up the sounds of smoke alarms or breaking glass. It works with the Amazon smart door bell, a Ring and an ADT security system. To set this feature, simply say "Alexa, I'm leaving."

Use Alexa commands with Bluetooth

Pair a Bluetooth device: "Alexa, pair" or "Alexa, Bluetooth."

Connect to a Bluetooth device: "Alexa, connect to my phone."

Disconnect from a Bluetooth device: "Alexa, disconnect from my phone."

Alexa commands for profiles and user accounts

Switch profiles: "Alexa, switch accounts."

Check which profile is active: "Alexa, which profile is this?"

Use Alexa commands with Skills

Skills are third-party applications for Alexa speakers. They allow you to connect third-party software and hardware to your speaker, as well as play games and add different news sources to your Flash Briefing. Originally, they had to be enabled before you could use them, but Amazon has since made that process automatic (just ask for the Skill and it will enable when it's used).

Use a skill: "Alexa, open Earplay."

Find kid's skills: "Alexa, what kid's skills do you have?"

Enable skills: "Alexa, enable Jeopardy!"

Disable skills: "Alexa, disable Domino's."

Bartender skill gives you access to more than 12,000 cocktail recipes: "Alexa, open the bartender."

Search using Alexa commands

Get Wikipedia information: "Alexa, Wikipedia: [subject]."

Tell Alexa to continue reading a Wikipedia entry: "Alexa, tell me more."

Ask a general question: "Alexa, how tall is [person or object's name]?"

Ask Quora a question: "Alexa, ask Quora if Crustaceans feel pain when you boil them."

Get a Game of Thrones quote: "Alexa, give me a Game of Thrones quote."

Whether it's a bull or a bear market, users can check their stock values by saying "Alexa, ask Opening Bell for Microsoft" (or any other publicly traded company).

Holiday-related Alexa commands

Find out when a holiday is: "Alexa, when is [holiday]?"

Holiday limerick: "Alexa, tell me a holiday limerick."

Learn about a holiday: "Alexa, why do we celebrate [holiday]?"

Ask about Santa: "Alexa, how old is Santa Claus?" "Alexa, is Santa Claus real?" or "Alexa, where does Santa Claus live?"

Ask about Santa's reindeer: "Alexa, who's your favorite reindeer?" "Alexa, what can you tell me about Santa's reindeer?" or "Alexa, what do you know about Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer?"

Track Santa: "Alexa, where is Santa?" or "Alexa, track Santa."

Sing a Christmas carol: "Alexa, sing a Christmas carol."

Have Alexa read "The Night Before Christmas": "Alexa, read "The Night Before Christmas."

Spin the dreidel: "Alexa, spin the dreidel."

Ask for holiday jokes: "Alexa, open my gift," "Alexa, how ugly is your/my holiday sweater?" or "Alexa, tell me a snowman joke."

Ask for holiday movies?: "Alexa, what's your favorite holiday movie?" or "Alexa, what are the top holiday movies?"

Easter eggs for your Amazon Echo

Alexa comes chock-full of Easter eggs and jokes -- the list is long. We cover the strange world of Alexa Easter eggs here, noting some of the more popular or prominent commands that prompt a snarky or humorous response.

"Alexa, give me an Easter egg."

"Alexa, good morning."

"Alexa, tell me a joke."

"Alexa, beam me up."

"Alexa, set phasers to kill."

"Alexa. Tea. Earl Grey. Hot."

"Alexa, my name is Inigo Montoya."

"Alexa, I want the truth."

"Alexa, party on, Wayne."

"Alexa, show me the money."

"Alexa, what's the first (or second) rule of Fight Club?"

"Alexa, surely you can't be serious."

"Alexa, are you SkyNet?"

"Alexa, party time!"

"Alexa, open the pod bay doors."

"Alexa, when am I going to die?"

"Alexa, what is your quest?"

"Alexa, nice to see you, to see you..."

"Alexa, don't mention the war."

"Alexa, this is a dead parrot."

"Alexa, what is your cunning plan?"