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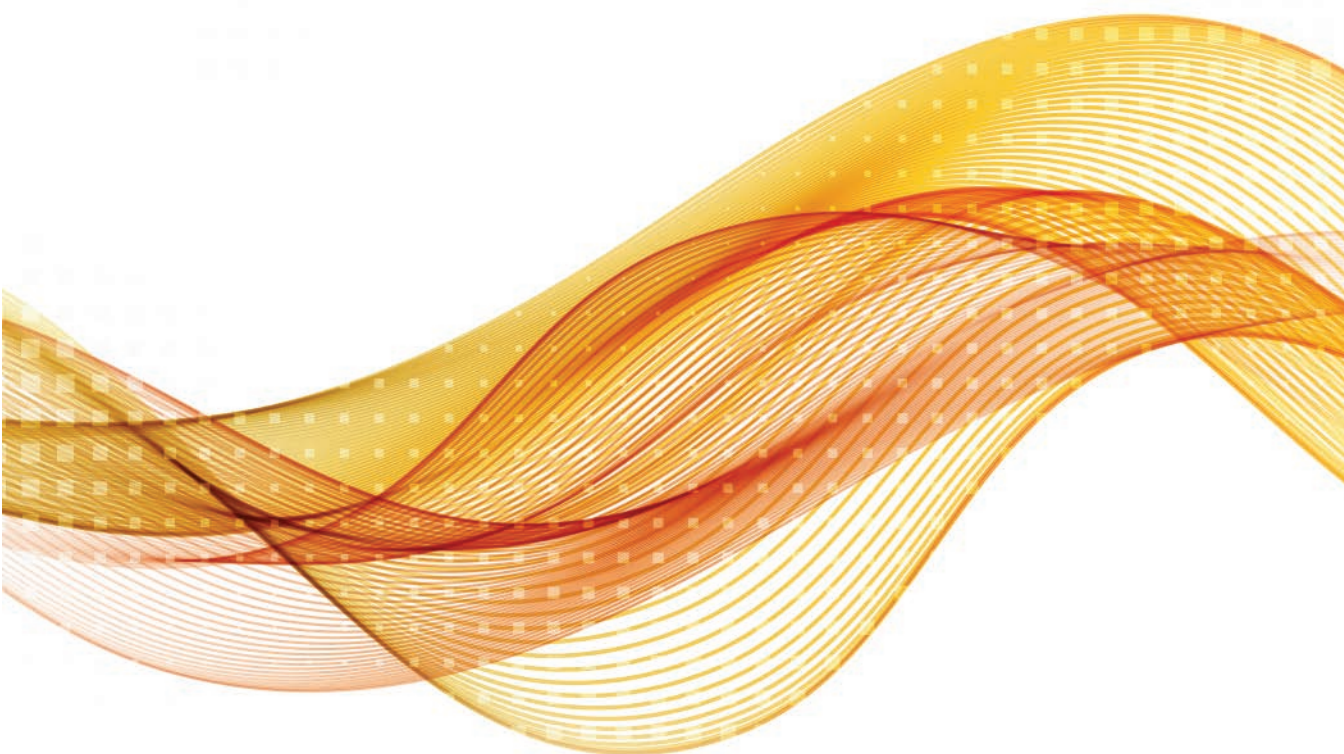
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In this chapter, you explore how to configure your phone's accessibility options—and make it easier to use. Topics include the following:

- Working with Easy Mode
- Changing Screen Fonts and Sizes
- Using Voice Feedback
- Configuring Visibility Options
- Configuring Hearing Options
- Configuring Dexterity and Interaction Options
- Working with the Assistant Menu

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Making the Galaxy S6 More Accessible

Let's face it. As we get older, it often becomes more difficult to read fine print and sometimes to perform fine motor functions. And your phone packs a lot of things into its relatively small package. The result is that we sometimes have trouble seeing what's onscreen, or tapping where we need to tap.

Fortunately, there are several settings on the Galaxy S6/S6 Edge that can make life easier for us. These include accessibility options as well as a special Easy Mode that simplifies the phone's operation.

Working with Easy Mode

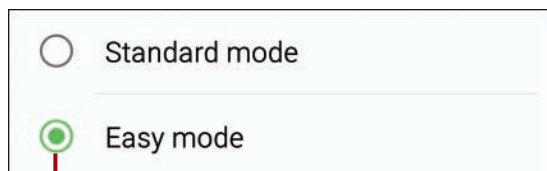
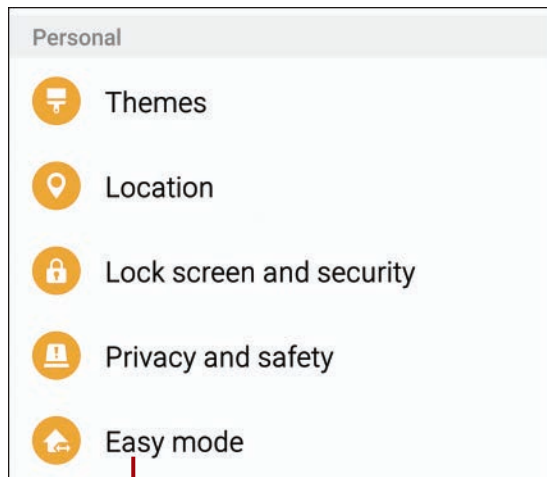
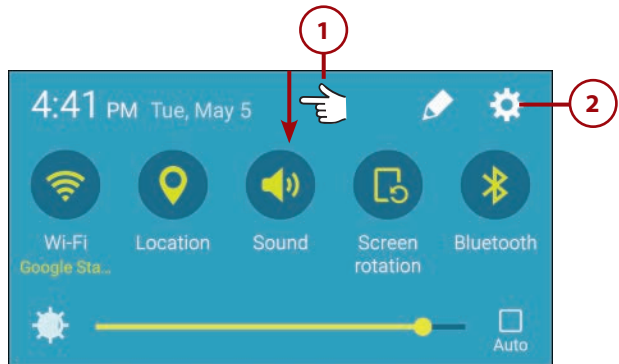
Today's smartphones can do so many things that it's easy to get confused. With so many options available, just what things should you tap—and which should you ignore?

If you have difficulty operating your phone, or if you find that the default screen icons are just too small to see or use comfortably, consider switching to Easy Mode. This mode presents a different screen layout and experience than the default mode.

Switch to Easy Mode

You can easily switch back and forth between Easy Mode and your phone's default mode.

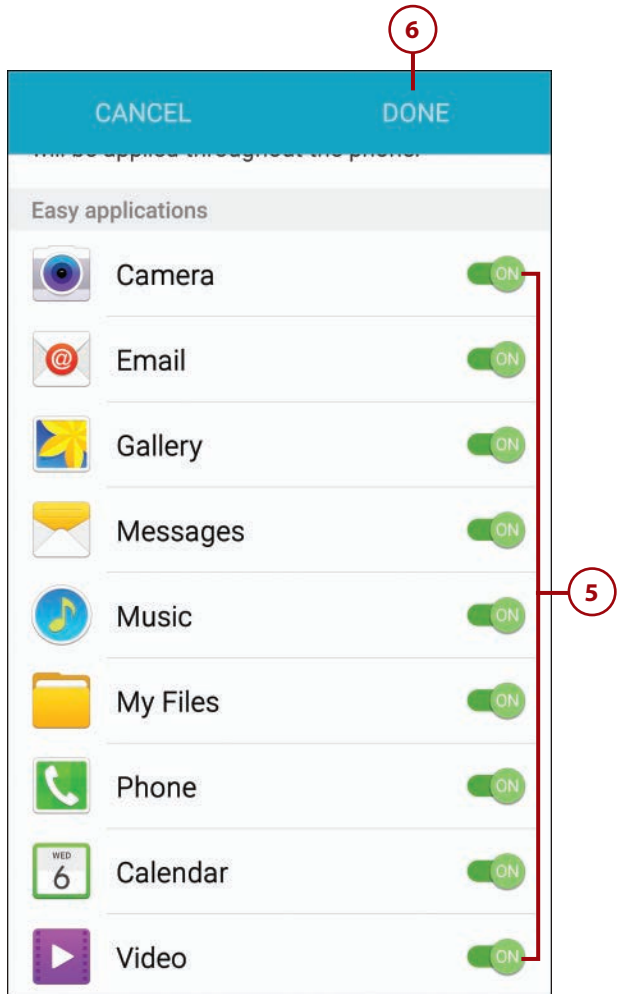
- 1 Swipe down from the top of the screen to display the notification panel.
- 2 Tap Settings to display the Settings screen.
- 3 Scroll to the Personal section and tap Easy Mode.
- 4 Tap to select Easy Mode.



- 5 Scroll to the Easy Applications section and tap On each of the apps you want to display in Easy Mode. You can choose to display the Camera, Email, Gallery, Messages, Music, My Files, Phone, Calendar, and Video apps. Select only those you think you'll use regularly.
- 6 Tap Done. Your phone resets itself in Easy Mode.

Back to Normal

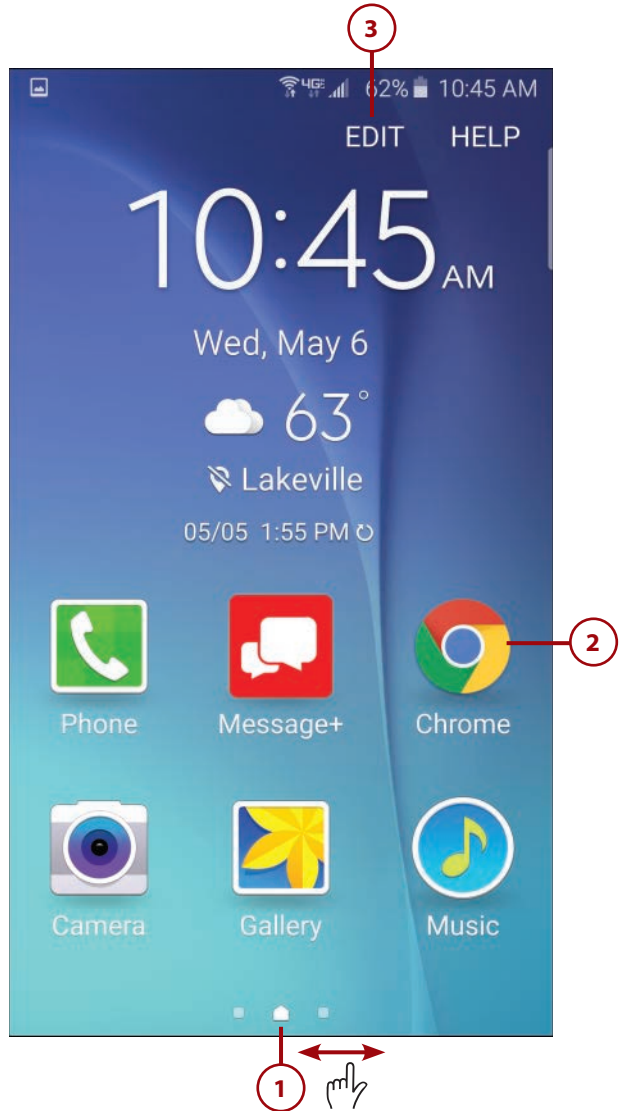
To switch back to standard mode, select Settings, Easy Mode and then tap to select Standard Mode.



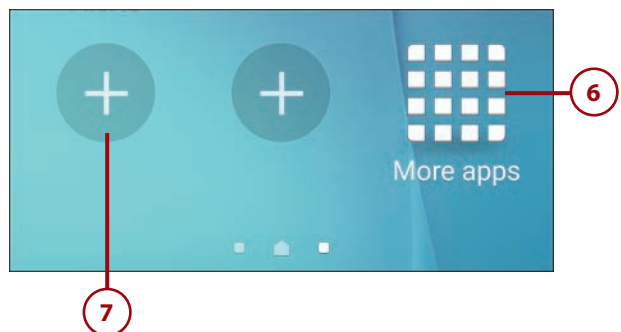
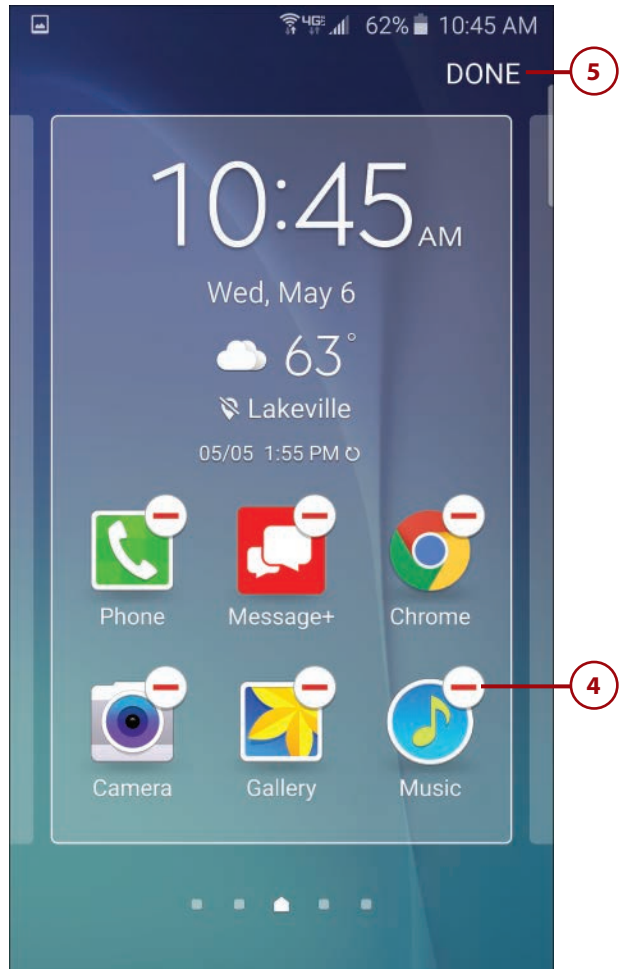
Use Easy Mode

Easy Mode displays fewer icons per screen, but the icons are larger. You see icons only for those apps you selected during the configuration process. In addition, all the onscreen text is larger, which makes it easier to see for anyone with vision difficulties.

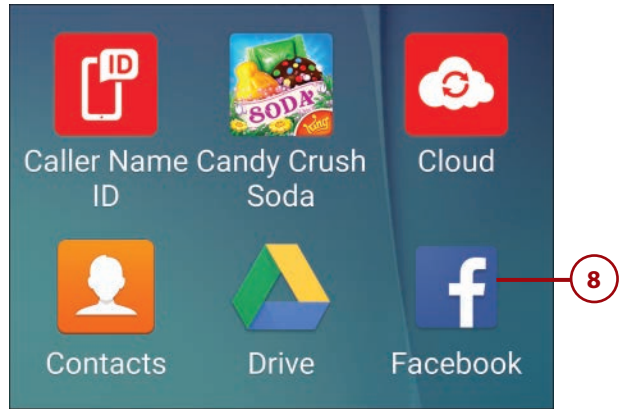
- 1 Swipe left or right to view additional screens.
- 2 Tap any icon to launch that application.
- 3 To remove an application from the screen, tap Edit.



- 4 Tap the minus sign to hide that app from the Easy Mode screen.
- 5 Tap Done when you're done hiding icons.
- 6 To view all the apps installed on your phone, even if they're hidden in Easy Mode, tap More Apps.
- 7 To add the icon for another app to the Easy Mode screen, tap one of the + icons.



- 8 Tap the app you want to add and an icon for that app is added to the Easy Mode screen.

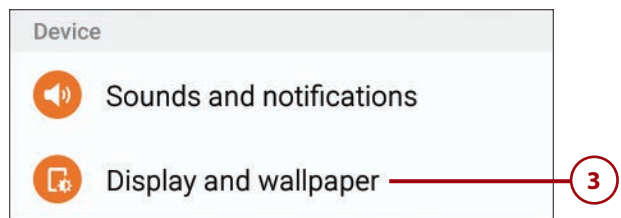
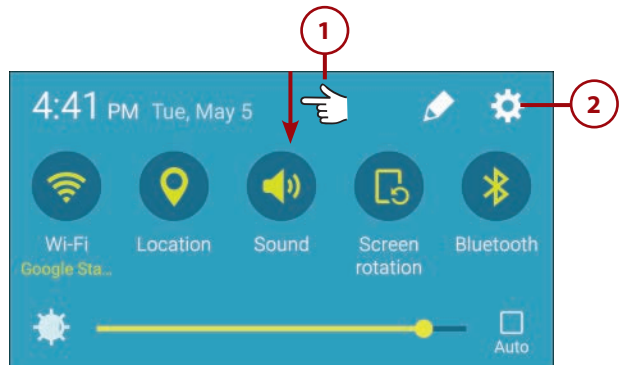


Changing Screen Fonts and Sizes

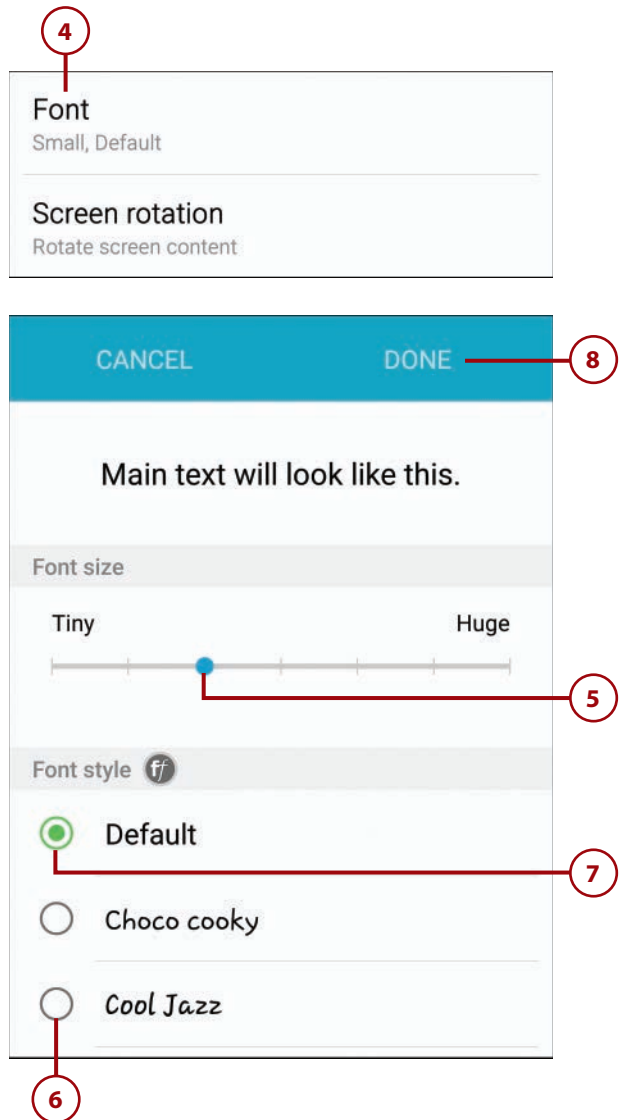
If you find the onscreen text on your Galaxy S6 or S6 Edge difficult to read, you can change it. Samsung enables you to change both the font and the font size displayed for icon labels, screen headings, and the like.

Select Screen Fonts and Sizes

- 1 Swipe down from the top of the screen to display the notification panel.
- 2 Tap Settings to display the Settings screen.
- 3 Scroll to the Device section and tap Display and Wallpaper.



- 4 Tap Font.
- 5 Drag the Font Size slider to the left (smaller) or right (larger) to change the font size.
- 6 Tap the name of a font to switch to that font.
- 7 Tap Default to return to Samsung's default font.
- 8 Tap Done.



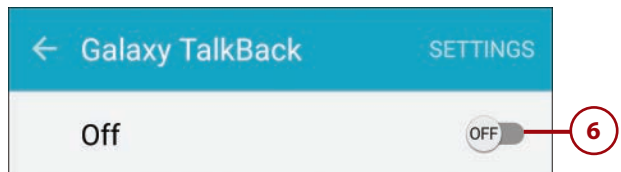
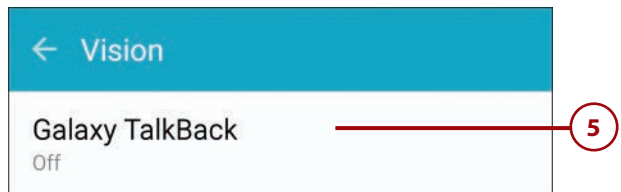
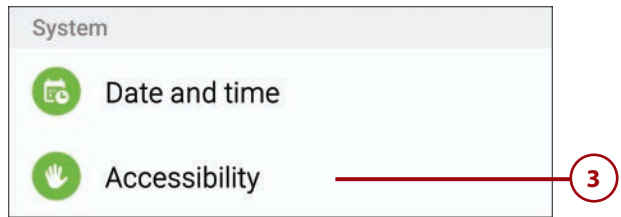
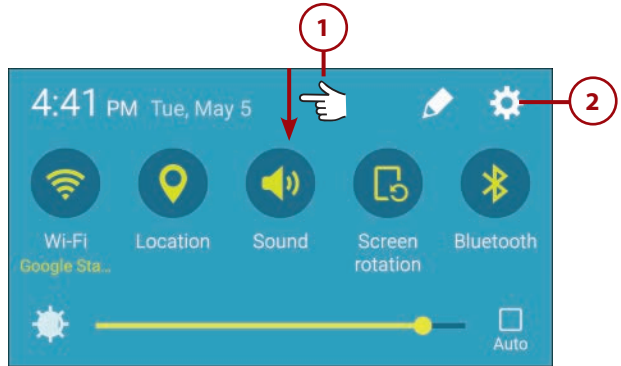
Using Voice Feedback

If you have trouble seeing what's on the screen, you can enable Galaxy TalkBack, which provides voice feedback when you're using your phone.

Enable Galaxy TalkBack

The Galaxy TalkBack feature reads aloud whatever is selected on the Galaxy S6 screen. When activated, your phone reads whatever is under your finger when you tap.

- 1 Swipe down from the top of the screen to display the notification panel.
- 2 Tap Settings to display the Settings screen.
- 3 Scroll to the System section and tap Accessibility.
- 4 Tap Vision to display the Vision screen.
- 5 Tap Galaxy TalkBack.
- 6 Tap On the switch at the top of the screen.
- 7 Tap Turn On when you're prompted to use Galaxy TalkBack.



Use Galaxy TalkBack

With TalkBack activated, any item you tap onscreen generates a voice telling you what that item is—and, in some instances, information about that item. For example, if you tap the Email icon when you have new messages waiting, TalkBack tells you how many new messages you have. You can also tap an open item to have TalkBack read the content of a message or document.

Because tapping an item tells you about it, with TalkBack activated you have to double-tap apps to open them or perform specific operations. In fact, most touch gestures change when you're using TalkBack, as indicated in the following table.

Gesture	Action
Tap	Reads aloud the item under your finger.
Double-tap	Opens the selected item.
Double-tap and hold	Moves an item across the screen or accesses an available option.
Swipe left	Moves to previous item.
Swipe right	Moves to next item.
Swipe up or down	Uses the most recent menu item or changes its settings. In text selection mode, moves the cursor backward or forward to select text.
Swipe left then right (in one motion)	Scrolls up the screen.
Swipe right then left (in one motion)	Scrolls down the screen.
Swipe up then down (in one motion)	Move to the first item on the screen.
Swipe down then up (in one motion)	Move to the last item on the screen.

Explore the Screen

To explore the items on the screen in TalkBack mode, simply place your finger on the screen and then move it around.

Configuring Visibility Options

In addition to Galaxy TalkBack, there are several other options you can configure to make it easier to operate your phone if you have vision problems. These are detailed in the following table.

Option	Description
Voice Label	Record voice labels you can place on various items around your house, and have your phone read them back to you.
Font Size	Changes the size of onscreen fonts from Tiny to Huge.
Magnification Gestures	Zooms into or out of areas of the screen when you triple-tap the screen.
Magnifier Window	Displays a small window that magnifies the selected area of the screen. (Tap and drag to move the magnification window around the screen.)
Grayscale	Changes the phone's display from color to grayscale.
Negative Colors	Reverses the onscreen colors. (White background changes to black; black text changes to white.)
Color Adjustment	Enables adjustment of onscreen colors for better viewing.
Accessibility Shortcut	Displays accessibility options when you hold down the Power key or tap and hold the screen with two fingers.
Text-to-Speech Options	Adjusts the speed of Samsung's text-to-speech engine.

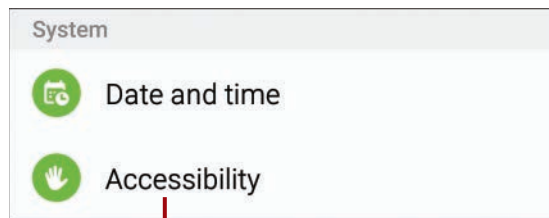
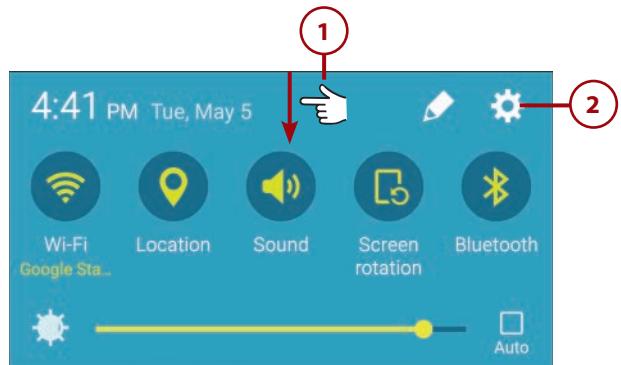
Voice Label

The Voice Label feature works in conjunction with special labels you can purchase from Samsung. You use your phone to record your voice saying what the label is affixed to; then you place the label on that item. Later, you can hover your phone over the item and its label to use your phone's NFC technology to "read" the label to you. It's a great way for people with vision impairment to better get around—and locate items in—their homes.

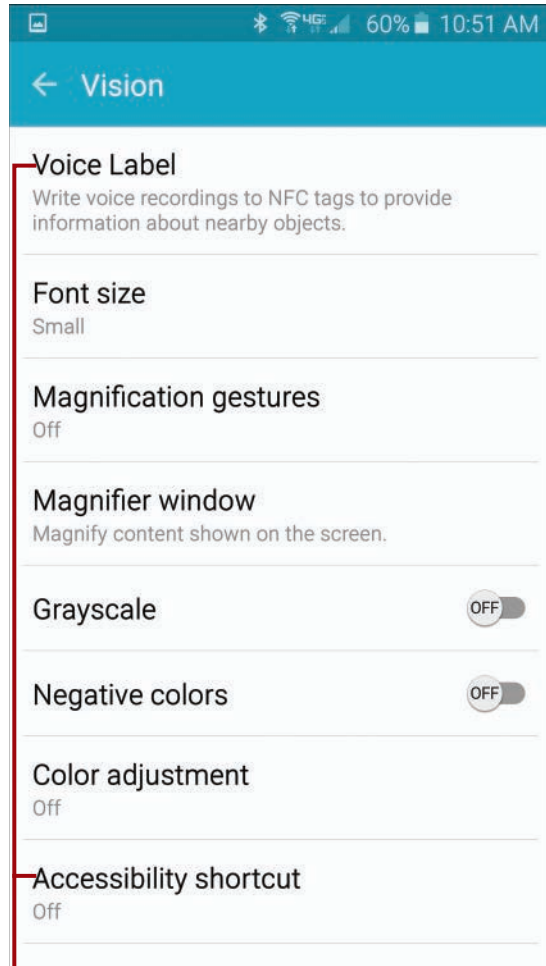
Enable Visibility Options

All visibility options are accessed via the Visibility screen.

- 1 Swipe down from the top of the screen to display the notification panel.
- 2 Tap Settings to display the Settings screen.
- 3 Scroll to the System section and tap Accessibility.
- 4 Tap Vision to display the Vision screen.



- 5 Enable those options you want to use.



Configuring Hearing Options

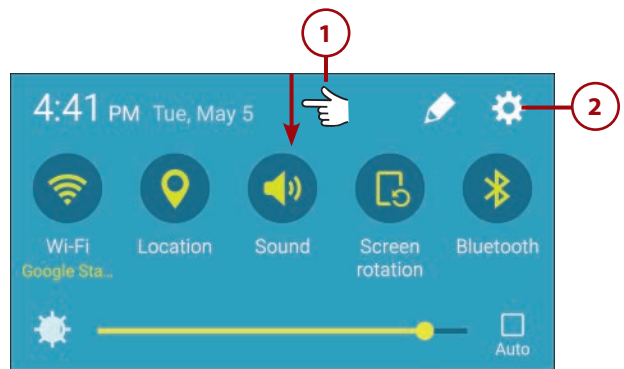
Your Samsung S6 or S6 Edge offers several options of use if you have impaired hearing. These are detailed in the following table.

Option	Description
Sound Detectors	Vibrates the phone when a baby cries or the doorbell rings.
Flash Notification	Flashes the camera's LED flash when you receive notifications or alarms.
Turn Off All Sounds	Turns off all of the phone's sounds.
Hearing Aids	Adjusts the phone's sound quality to work better with hearing aids.
Samsung Subtitles	Enables and configures Samsung's subtitle function.
Google Subtitles	Enables and configures Google's subtitle function, built into the Android operating system.
Left and Right Sound Balance	Adjusts the left and right audio balance.
Mono Audio	Switch from stereo to mono audio for when you are using a single earphone.
Auto Haptic	Vibrates the phone in time when you're listening to music, watching videos, or playing games.

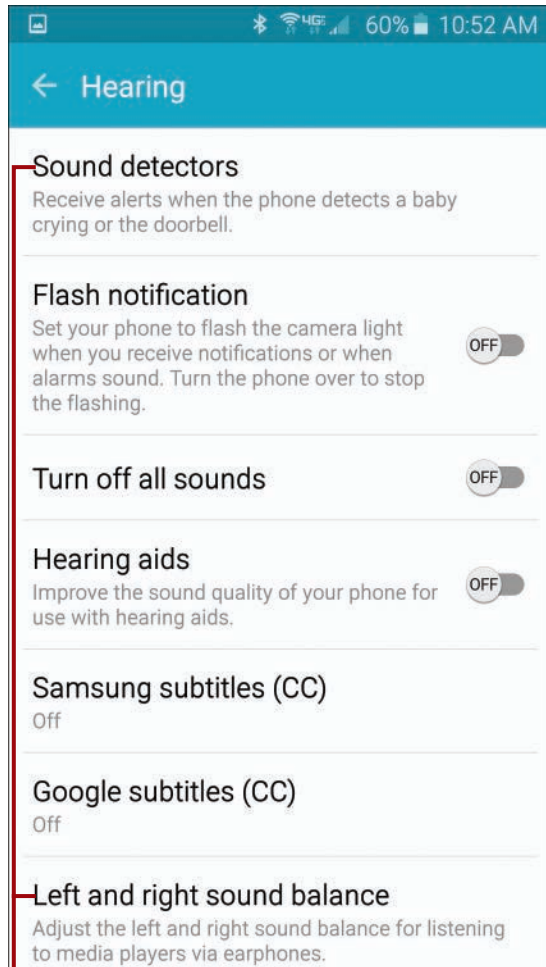
Enable Hearing Options

All hearing options are configured on the Hearing screen.

- 1 Swipe down from the top of the screen to display the notification panel.
- 2 Tap Settings to display the Settings screen.
- 3 Scroll to the System section and tap Accessibility.



- 4 Tap Hearing to display the Hearing screen.
- 5 Tap to enable or configure the options you want.



Configuring Dexterity and Interaction Options

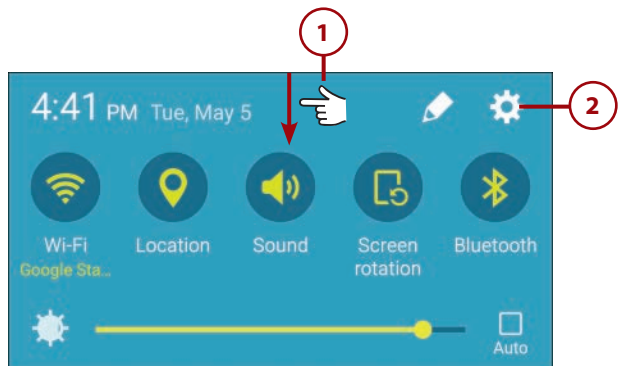
Your phone also contains a number of options that make it easier to use if you have any physical impairments. These are detailed in the following table.

Option	Description
Universal Switch	Create custom switches to interact with your phone and select onscreen items.
Assistant Menu	Display an Assistant icon that provides one-handed access to important system operations. (Discussed later in this chapter.)
Gesture Wake Up	Enables you to wake up your phone by moving your hand above the screen.
Touch and Hold Delay	Adjusts the delay for when you touch and hold the screen.
Interaction Control	Customizes the way you interact with apps and settings, by blocking or unblocking areas of the screen, turning off auto rotate, and only showing app notifications on the notification panel and status bar.

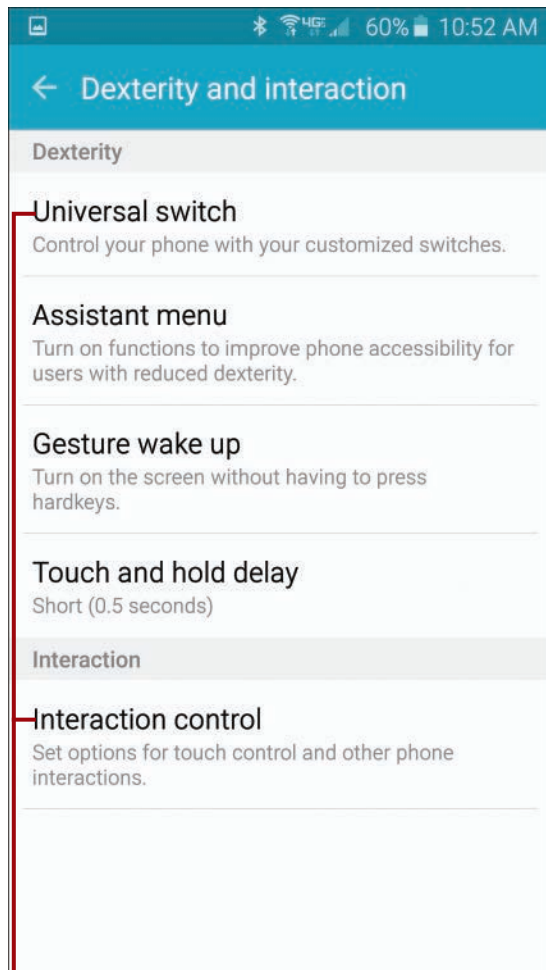
Enable Dexterity and Interaction Options

All of these options are enabled on the Dexterity and Interaction screen.

- 1 Swipe down from the top of the screen to display the notification panel.
- 2 Tap Settings to display the Settings screen.
- 3 Scroll to the System section and tap Accessibility.



- 4 Tap Dexterity and Interaction to display the Dexterity and Interaction screen.
- 5 Tap to enable or configure the options you want.



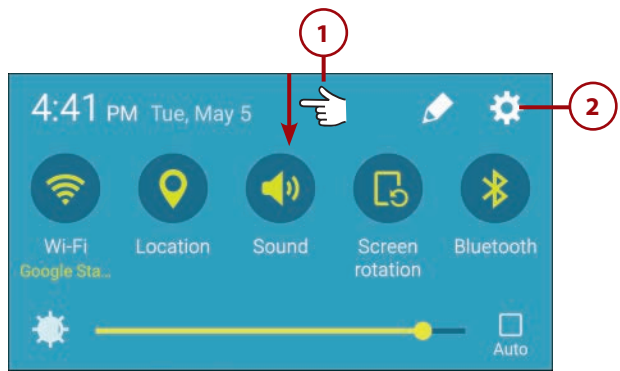
Working with the Assistant Menu

Your Samsung S6 or S6 Edge can be configured to display an Assistant menu, in the form of a round button that floats at the bottom right of every screen. When tapped, this button displays large icon shortcuts to key phone operations. The Assistant menu enables you to operate your phone with one hand.

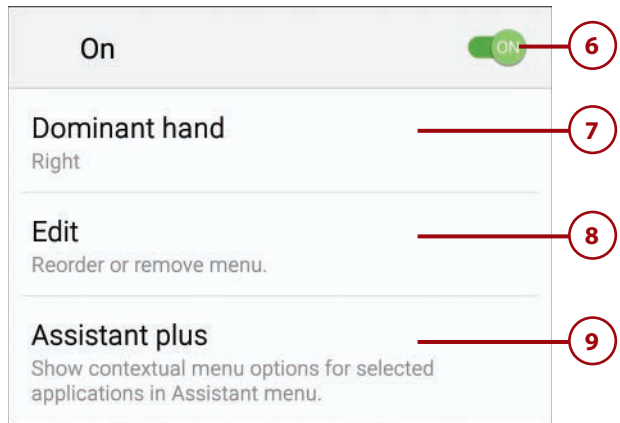
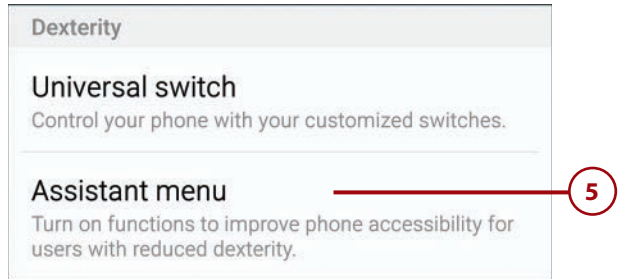
Enable the Assistant Menu

The Assistant menu is disabled by default. When you enable the menu, there are several settings you can configure.

- 1 Swipe down from the top of the screen to display the notification panel.
- 2 Tap Settings to display the Settings screen.
- 3 Scroll to the System section and tap Accessibility.
- 4 Tap Dexterity and Interaction to display the Dexterity and Interaction screen.



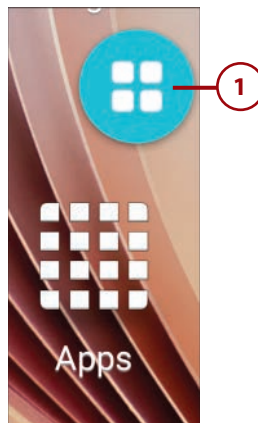
- 5 Tap Assistant Menu to display the Assistant Menu screen.
- 6 Tap On the switch at the top of the screen.
- 7 By default, the Assistant icon appears at the bottom right of the screen. To switch it to the left side, tap Dominant Hand and then select Left.
- 8 To change or rearrange the items on the Assistant menu, tap Edit and then make your changes.
- 9 To include contextual menu options for selected applications in the Assistant menu, tap Assistant Plus and then toggle on those apps you want.



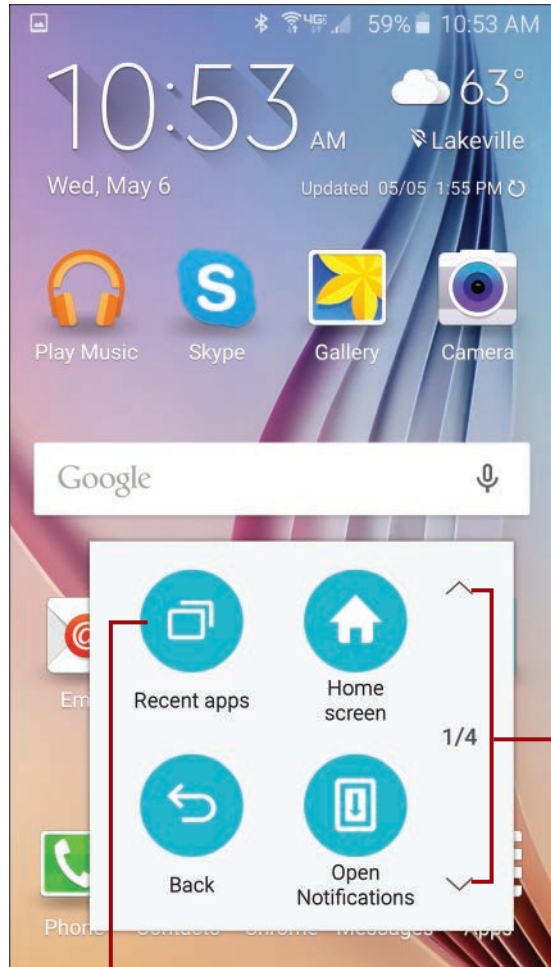
Use the Assistant Menu

When activated, the Assistant icon appears at one side at the bottom of your phone's screen.

- 1 Tap the Assistant icon to display the Assistant panel.



- 2 Scroll up or down to see more items.
- 3 Tap to launch an item.



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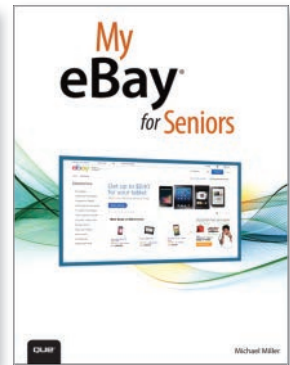
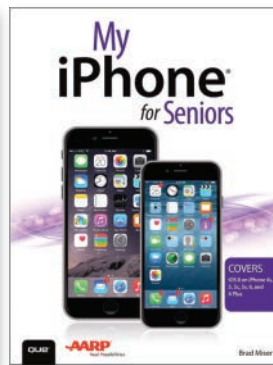
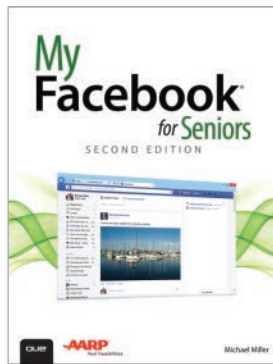
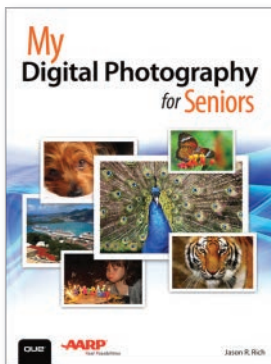
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