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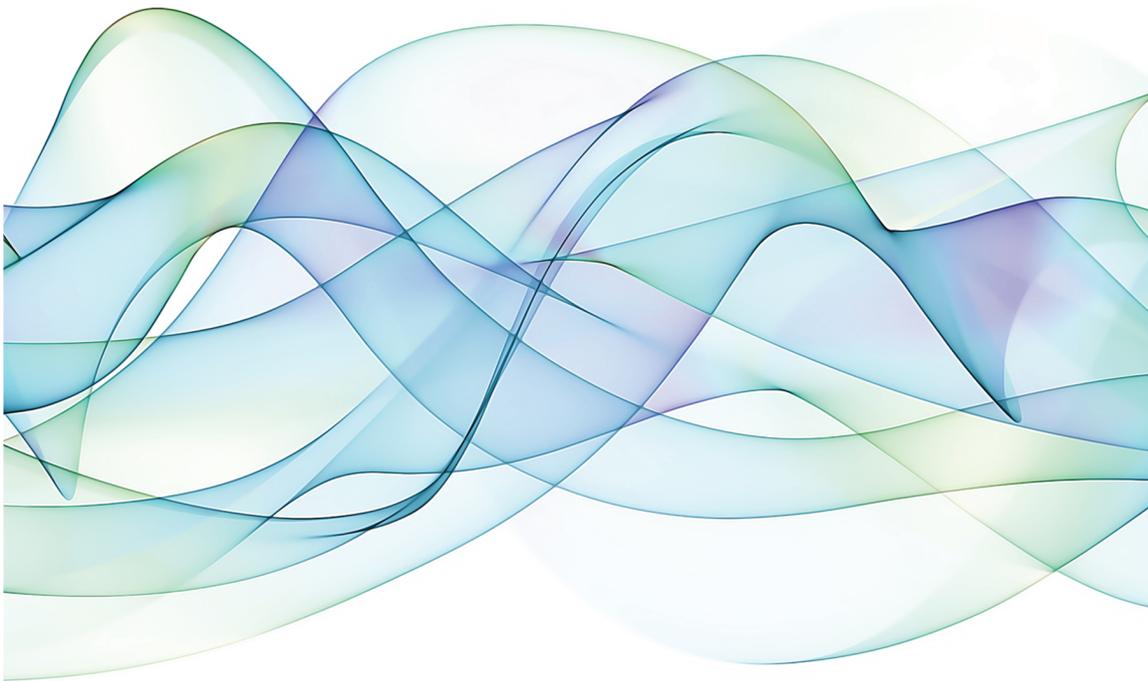
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**Samsung  
Galaxy S6 edge**



In this chapter, you become familiar with the external features of the Galaxy S6 and the basics of getting started with the Android operating system. Topics include the following:

- Getting to know your Galaxy S6's external features
- Learning the fundamentals of Android 5.0 (Lollipop) and TouchWiz
- Setting up your Galaxy S6 for the first time
- Installing desktop synchronization software

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# Getting to Know Your Galaxy S6

Before you start customizing your Galaxy S6 and working with apps, you should examine the external features, device features, and the Android 5.0 operating system.

In addition to Android 5.0 (Lollipop), this chapter covers the Samsung TouchWiz interface, which is overlaid on top of Android to adjust the way things look and function.

## Your Galaxy S6's External Features

Becoming familiar with the external features of your Galaxy S6 is a good place to start because you will be using them often. This section covers some of the technical specifications of your Galaxy S6, including the touchscreen and camera. There are two versions of the Samsung Galaxy S6: the S6 and the S6 edge. With the exception of a few extra features provided by the curved screen on the S6 edge, the functionality and look and feel of the interface on the two phones are exactly the same.

## Front



- **Proximity/gesture sensor**—Detects when you place your Galaxy S6 against your head to talk, which causes it to turn off the screen so that your ear doesn't inadvertently activate any onscreen items. This sensor also allows you to use gestures (in conjunction with the accelerometer). Gestures are covered later in the chapter.
- **Light sensor**—Adjusts the brightness of your Galaxy S6's screen based on the brightness of the ambient light.
- **Earpiece**—The part you hold against your ear while on a call.
- **Indicator light**—Indicates new events (such as missed calls, new Facebook messages, and new emails).
- **Front camera**—A 5.0-megapixel front-facing camera that you use for video chat, taking self-portraits, and even unlocking your Galaxy S6 using your face.

- **Touchscreen**—The Galaxy S6 has a 5.1" 1440×2560 pixel Quad HD Super AMOLED (Super Active-Matrix Organic Light-Emitting Diode) screen that incorporates capacitive touch. The Galaxy S6 edge has a 5.1" 1440×2560 pixel Quad HD Super AMOLED (Super Active-Matrix Organic Light-Emitting Diode), dual-edge screen that incorporates capacitive touch.
- **Back button**—Tap to go back one screen when using an application or menu. This is a touch-sensitive button.
- **Recent Apps button**—Tap to see a list of apps you recently used. You can then touch to jump to them or swipe them off the screen to close them. Touch and hold to see additional options for the current screen. The Recent Apps button replaces the Menu button on previous Galaxy S series phones.
- **Home button/fingerprint reader**—A physical button that you press to go to the Home screen. The application that you are using continues to run in the background. Press twice to launch the Camera app. Press and hold to launch Google Now. A fingerprint reader is built in to the Home button; you can read more about it in Chapter 1, "Making the S6 Your Own."

## Back



- **Volume up/down buttons**—Enable you to control the audio volume on calls and while playing audio and video.
- **Power button**—Allows you to wake up your Galaxy S6 by pressing once. Press and hold for one second to reveal a menu of choices. The choices enable you to power off your S6, put it into Airplane mode (all radios turned off), restart your S6, or put it into Emergency mode. In Emergency mode, your S6 greatly reduces battery usage and starts reporting its location to a chosen contact.
- **Rear camera**—A 16-megapixel camera with autofocus and Optical Image Stabilization (OIS) that takes clear pictures close up or far away.
- **LED (light-emitting diode) camera flash**—Helps to illuminate the surroundings when you're taking pictures in low light.
- **Heart rate sensor**—While using the S Health app, place your finger over the heart rate sensor to allow S Health to detect your heart rate.
- **SIM card tray**—Use the SIM card tray ejection tool provided in the box to eject the SIM card tray and insert a new or replacement SIM card. On the S6, the SIM card tray is on the right side under the Power button, but because of the S6 edge's curved screen, the tray is located on the top of the device on that model.
- **Infrared port**—Allows you to control your television from your S6 using an infrared signal.
- **Noise-canceling microphone**—Use in conjunction with the regular microphone to reduce background noise during phone calls. This microphone is also used when you record videos.

## Bottom



- **MHL 3.0-compliant Micro USB 2 port**—You can use the Micro USB 2 port to synchronize your Galaxy S6 to your desktop computer and charge it, but because it is Mobile High-definition Link (MHL) compliant, you can use it to play movies on your TV via high-definition multimedia interface (HDMI) using a special cable or dock. Read more about MHL 3.0 at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mobile\\_High-Definition\\_Link#MHL\\_3.0\\_features](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mobile_High-Definition_Link#MHL_3.0_features).
- **Microphone**—You use the microphone when you are on a call and holding your Galaxy S6 to your ear.
- **Speaker**—The speaker is used when you use the speakerphone function while on a phone call, and it is also used to play all audio, including notifications, music, and audio from videos.
- **3.5mm headphone jack**—Plug in your Galaxy S6 or third-party headset to enjoy music and talk on the phone.

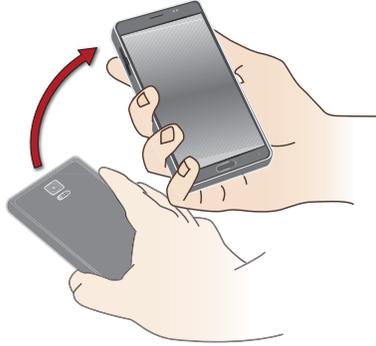
## Gestures and Motions

Gestures and motions allow you to quickly use certain functions or features by making hand gestures or moving the S6 in a specific way.

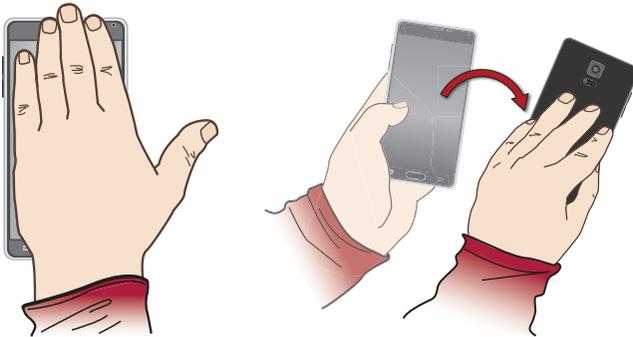
- **Direct Call**—While you are looking at a missed call, reading an SMS (text message) from someone, or viewing someone’s contact information, if you lift your S6 to your ear and hold it there, the phone number being viewed will be dialed.



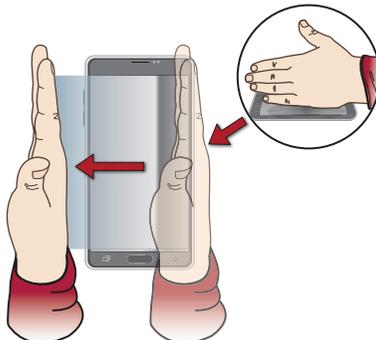
- **Smart Alert**—If you have missed calls or messages, when you pick up your S6 from a flat surface, it vibrates.



- **Mute**—To mute incoming calls and alarms, either place your hand over the screen or turn your S6 over.



- **Palm Swipe to Capture**—You can capture a screenshot by holding your palm perpendicular to the screen, touching it on the screen, and swiping it from left to right or right to left. The captured screenshot goes to the Screenshots album, which you can view using the Gallery or Photos app.



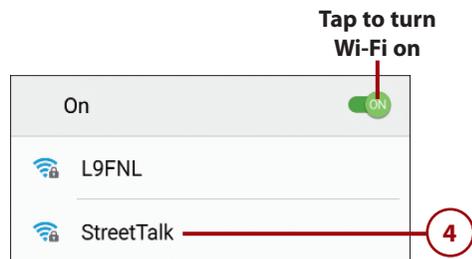
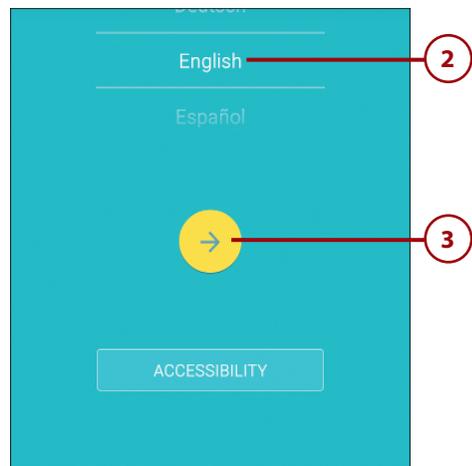
# First-time Setup

Before setting up your new Samsung Galaxy S6, you should have a Google account because your Galaxy S6 running Android is tightly integrated with Google. When you have a Google account, you can store your content—including any books and music you buy or movies you rent—in the Google cloud. If you do not already have a Google account, go to <https://accounts.google.com> on your desktop computer and sign up for one.

1. Press and hold the Power button until you see the animation start playing.
2. Tap to change your language if needed.
3. Tap the right arrow to continue.
4. Tap a Wi-Fi network you want to connect to during setup. If you'd rather not connect to a Wi-Fi network, tap Next and continue at Step 8.

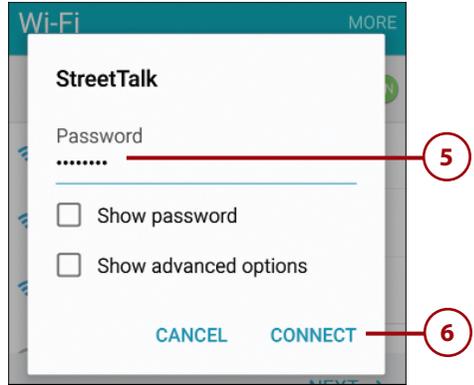
## Why Use Wi-Fi During Setup

As you go through the first-time setup of your S6, you may choose to restore a backup of a previous device to your S6, and at the end of the device setup, a number of apps may need to be updated. Both of these activities can use a lot of data. Using Wi-Fi speeds up these activities as well as saves you the cost of the cellular data charges. Therefore, although you do not have to connect to a Wi-Fi network for device setup, it is advisable.

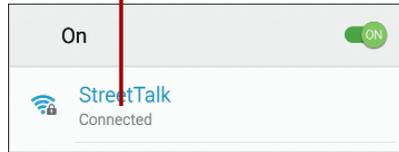


Tap to skip and use cellular data

5. Enter the password for the Wi-Fi network using the onscreen keyboard.
6. Tap Connect. Your Galaxy S6 connects to the Wi-Fi network.
7. Tap Next.



**Indicates that you are connected to the network**

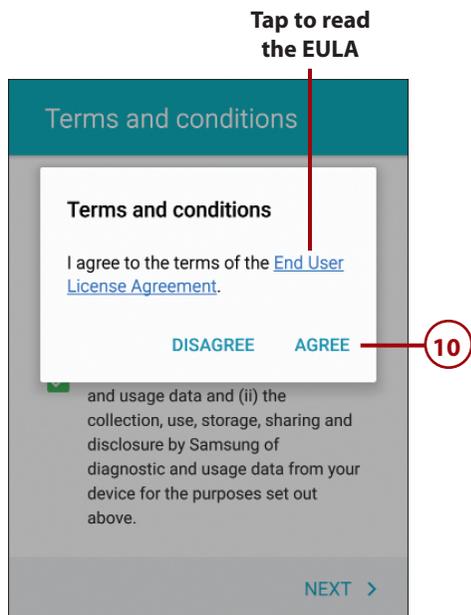
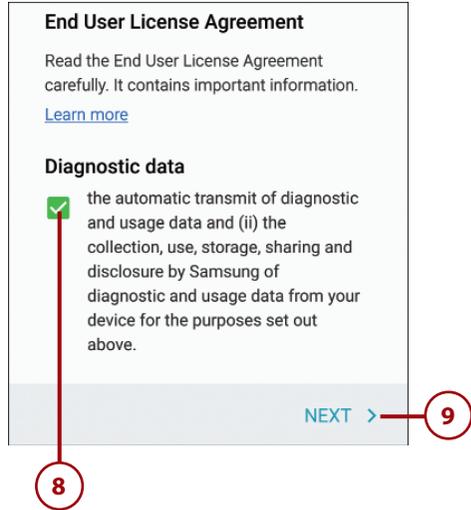


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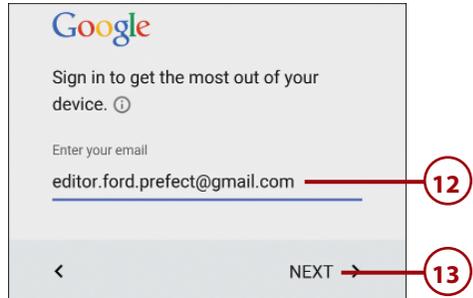
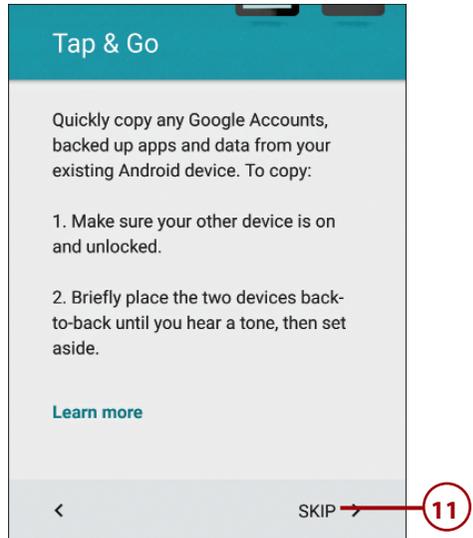
### SMART NETWORK SWITCH

Smart network switch is a feature that, once enabled, allows your S6 to seamlessly switch between the two Wi-Fi bands (2.4GHz and 5GHz) and cellular data to maintain a stable Internet connection. Your S6 constantly analyzes its connection to the Internet and switches between Wi-Fi networks operating on 2.4GHz and 5GHz to provide the best connection, and if the Wi-Fi connectivity becomes poor, it switches to the cellular data network. Bear in mind that with this option enabled you might start seeing higher cellular data usage, especially in areas where Wi-Fi is unstable, slow, or overcrowded. To enable Smart Network Switch, after your device is set up, tap Settings, Wi-Fi, More, Smart Network Switch.

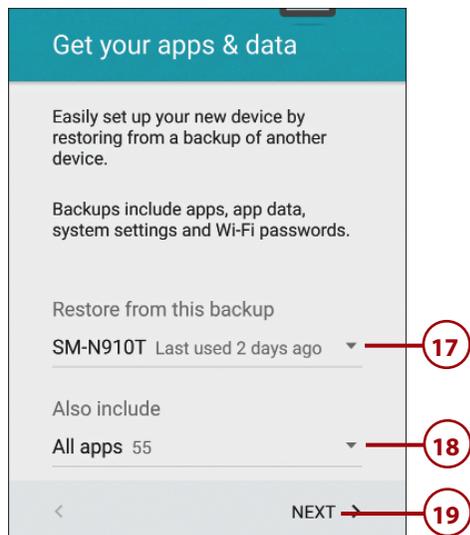
8. Check the box to allow Samsung to collect diagnostic and usage data from your S6.
9. Tap Next.
10. Tap Agree after you have read and understood the End User License Agreement (EULA).



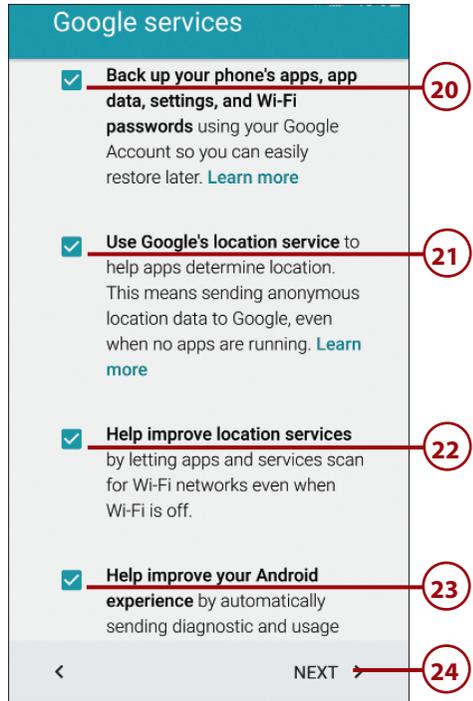
11. If you have another Android device (tablet or smartphone) running Android 5.0 (Lollipop) and you want to transfer the data from it to your new phone, follow the instructions on this screen, or tap Skip to continue.
12. Enter your Google account email address (your Gmail address).
13. Tap Next.
14. Enter your Google account password.
15. Tap Next to continue.



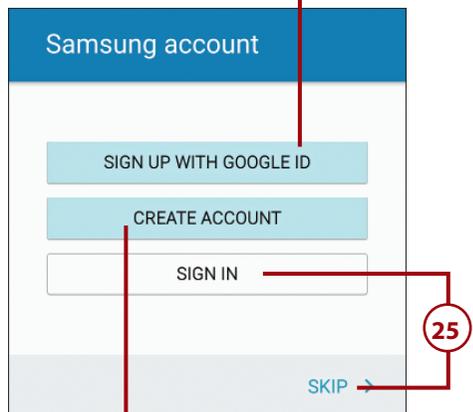
16. Tap Accept to continue.
17. Tap to select a backup from a previous device, or select Setup as New Device to skip restoring an old backup and set your S6 up as a new device.
18. Tap to select which apps to restore from the backup you selected in Step 17. This option is not visible if you chose to set up a new device in Step 17.
19. Tap Next to continue.



20. Check this box if you want to back up your phone's data so that it can be restored to a new Android phone or smartphone in the future.
21. Check this box if you are okay with Google collecting information about your geographic location at any time. Although Google keeps this information safe, if you are concerned about privacy rights, you should uncheck this box.
22. Check this box if you are okay with your phone scanning for Wi-Fi networks even if you have the Wi-Fi radio turned off. This helps improve location accuracy.
23. Check this box if you are okay letting Google collect diagnostic information about your phone and the apps running on it.
24. Tap Next to continue.
25. Tap to sign in to your Samsung account if you have one, or tap Skip and jump to Step 33.



### Create a Samsung account using your Google account ID



Create a Samsung account

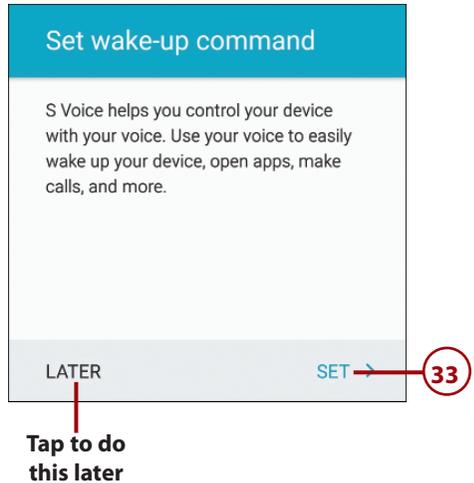
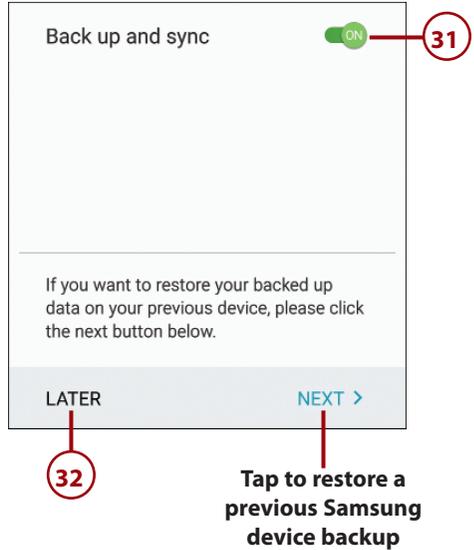
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### DO I NEED A SAMSUNG ACCOUNT?

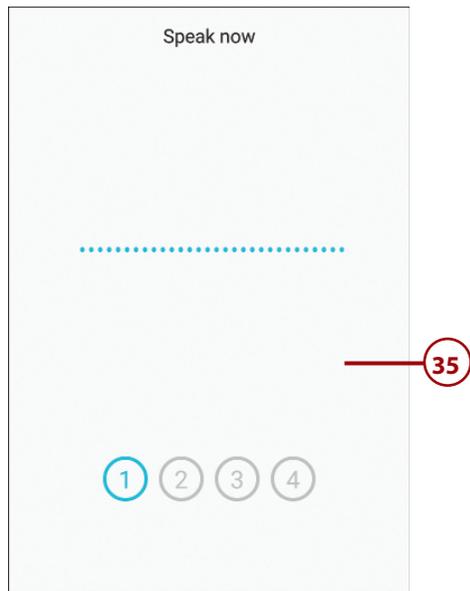
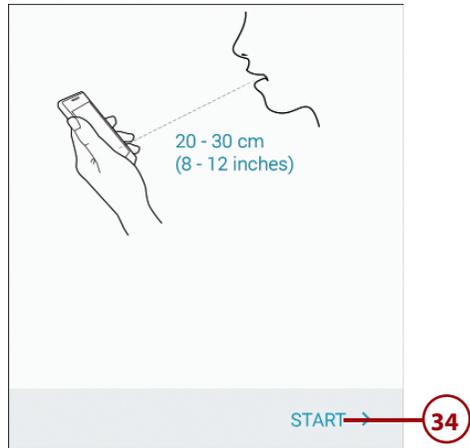
Android was designed to be used with a Google account. That Google account enables you to access the Google ecosystem of Android apps, music, movies, and books; plus, your phone's settings are backed up to the Google cloud. If you change devices, your new device reverts to the way you had your old device set up. A Samsung account does a similar thing, but it uses the Samsung ecosystem. If you would like to take advantage of the extra Samsung services on your S6, such as the Galaxy app store, the ability to locate your lost device, or to keep track of your S Health diet and health information, you should sign up for a Samsung account.

26. Enter the email address you used for your Samsung account.
27. Enter your Samsung account password.
28. Tap Sign In.
29. Check the box to agree to all of Samsung's terms and conditions.
30. Tap Agree.

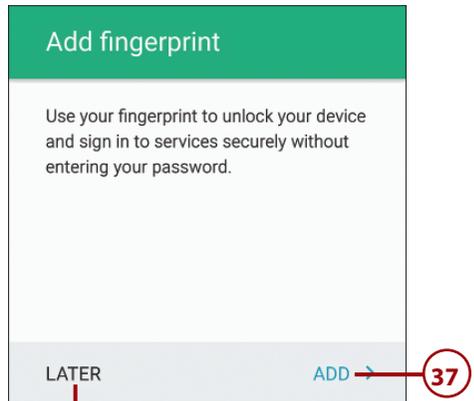
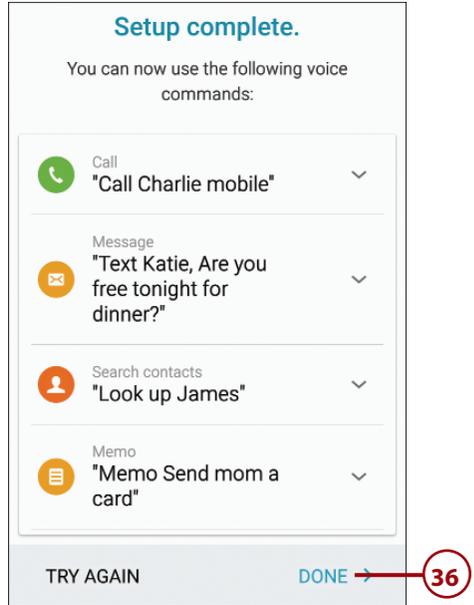
31. Check the box to enable automatically backing up your data to your Samsung account.
32. Tap Later.
33. Tap Set to set your wake-up command for Samsung's S Voice. When this is set, you can say your wake-up phrase (like "Hi Galaxy") plus a command such as "Call Charlie mobile," and your S6 performs that task for you. You can also tap Later and skip to Step 37.



34. Hold your S6 about 8–12 inches (20–30 cm) from your mouth and tap Start.
35. Follow the on-screen prompts to say your wake-up command four times. The screen automatically advances after four successful attempts.

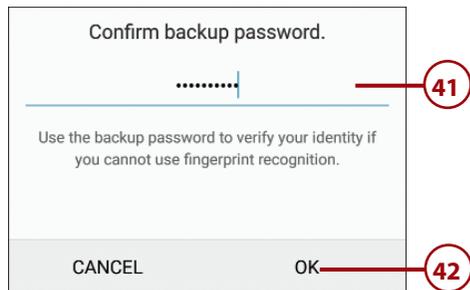
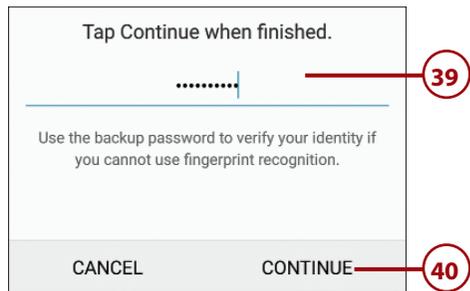
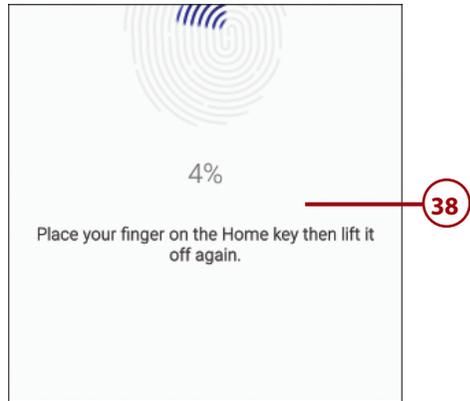


36. Tap Done.
37. Tap Add to add one or more fingerprints via the fingerprint reader in the Home button, which enables you to use your fingerprint to unlock your S6, sign in to certain services, and activate Samsung Pay. Tap Later to add your fingerprints later, and skip to Step 43.

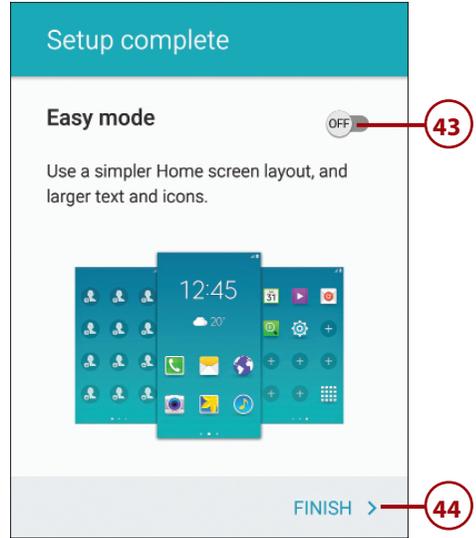


**Tap to  
add your  
fingerprint  
later**

38. Follow the on-screen instructions to add your fingerprint. This involves placing your finger on the Home button lightly (so as not to press it) and then lifting your finger when you feel the vibration. You repeat this action multiple times until your S6 has added your entire fingerprint.
39. Enter a backup password that you can use if your S6 is having trouble recognizing your fingerprint. The password must be at least six characters long and must contain at least one letter and one number.
40. Tap Continue.
41. Retype your backup password.
42. Tap OK.



43. Tap to turn the switch on if you want your S6 to use Easy mode. Easy mode uses a simplified Home screen layout, plus enlarges the text and size of the app icons. You can always disable Easy mode later if you decide it's not for you.
44. Tap Finish to complete your S6's setup. Depending on the wireless provider you are using, after you finish the device setup, you may see some extra screens that are specific to your wireless provider.



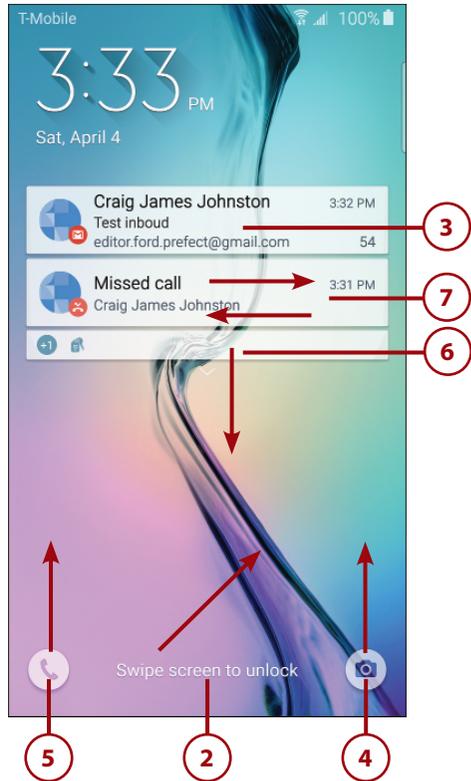
## Fundamentals of Android 5.0 and TouchWiz

Your Galaxy S6 is run by an operating system called Android. Android was created by Google to run on any smartphone, and your Galaxy S6 uses a version called Android 5.0 (or Lollipop). Samsung has made many changes to this version of Android by adding extra components and modifying many standard Android features. They call this customization TouchWiz.

## The Lock Screen

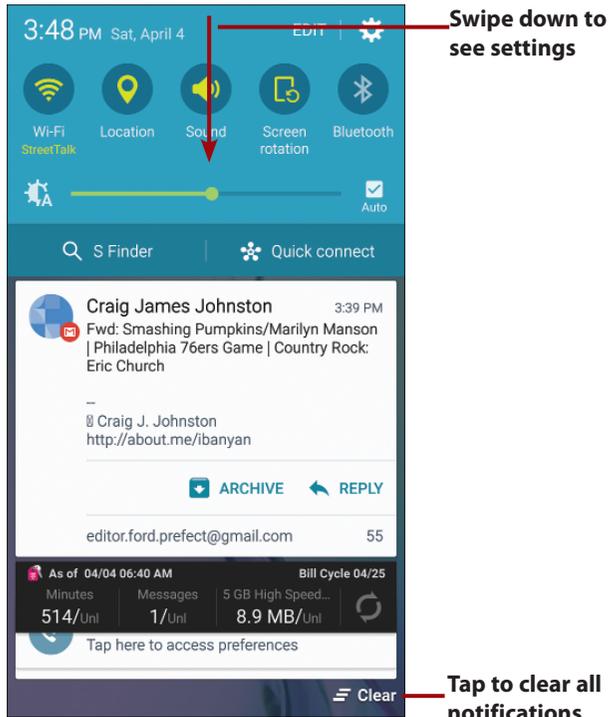
If you haven't used your Galaxy S6 for a while, the screen goes blank to conserve battery power. This task explains how to interact with the Lock screen.

1. Press the Power button or Home button to wake up your Galaxy S6. It is better to press the Home button, especially if you are making use of the fingerprint reader to unlock your S6.
2. Slide your finger across the screen in any direction to unlock your Galaxy S6.
3. Tap a notification, such as a missed call or new email notification, and then swipe the screen to unlock and go directly to the call log or email message.
4. Swipe up from the Camera icon to launch the Camera.
5. Swipe up from the Phone icon to launch the Phone.
6. Swipe the notifications down if you want to see more of them.
7. Swipe the notifications left or right to dismiss them.



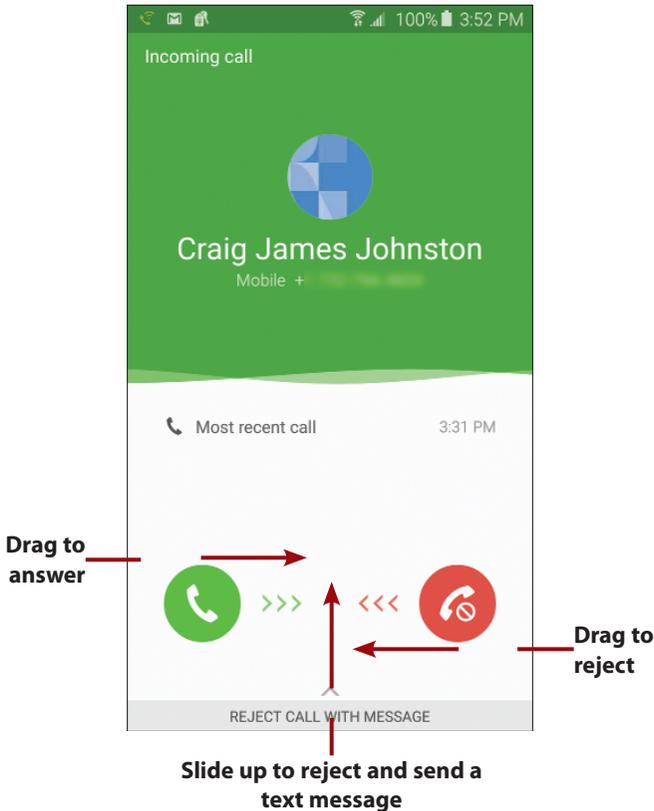
## Working with Settings on the Lock Screen

You can work with settings right on the Lock screen. Swipe down from the top of the screen to show the Quick Settings. You see the Quick Settings plus any notifications. Tap Clear to clear all notifications.



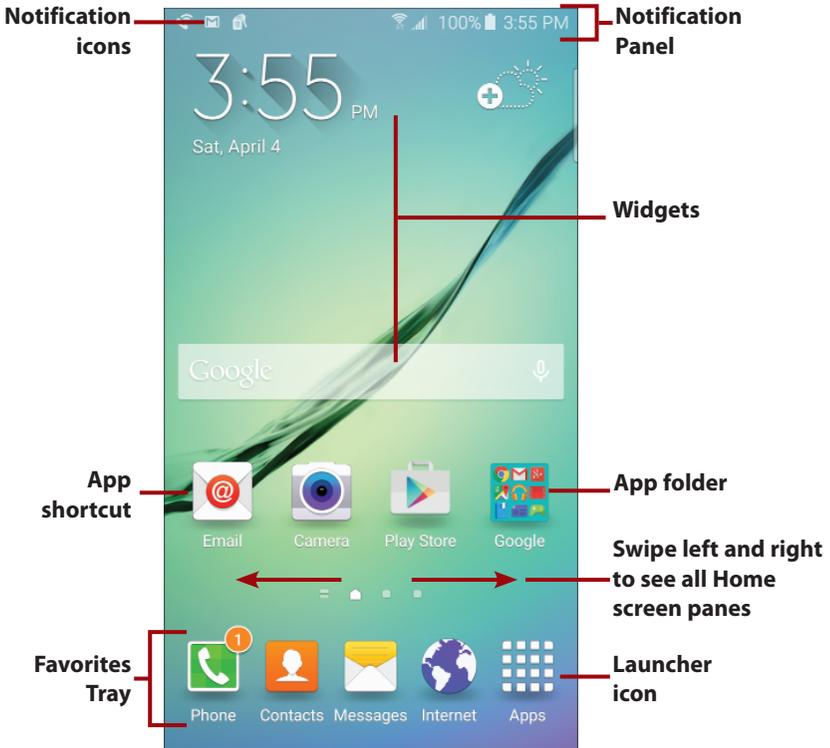
## Answering a Call from the Lock Screen

If your Galaxy S6 is locked when a call comes in, you have three choices: Drag the green icon to the right to answer the incoming call; drag the red icon to the left to reject the incoming call and send it straight to voicemail; or drag up from the bottom of the screen to reject the call and send a preset text message (SMS) to the caller.



## The Home Screen

After you unlock your Galaxy S6, you are presented with the Home screen. Your Galaxy S6 has four Home screen panes (although you can create more). The Home screen panes contain application shortcuts, a Launcher icon, Notification Panel, Shortcuts, Favorites Tray, and widgets.



- **Notification Panel**—The Notification Panel shows information about Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, and cellular coverage, as well as the battery level and time. The Notification Panel also serves as a place where apps can alert or notify you using notification icons.
- **Notification icons**—Notification icons appear in the Notification Panel when an app needs to alert or notify you of something. For example, the Phone app can show the Missed Calls icon, indicating that you missed a call.
- **Widgets**—Widgets are applications that run directly on the Home screens. They are specially designed to provide functionality and real-time information. An example of a widget is one that shows the current weather or provides a search capability. Widgets can be moved and sometimes resized.
- **App shortcut**—When you tap an app shortcut, the associated app launches.

- **App folders**—You can group apps together in a folder as a way to organize your apps and declutter your screen.
- **Favorites Tray**—The Favorites Tray is visible on all Home screen panes. You can drag apps to the Favorites Tray so that they are available no matter which Home screen pane you are looking at. You can rearrange or remove apps in the Favorites Tray.
- **Launcher icon**—Tap to show application icons for all applications that you have installed on your Galaxy S6.

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## The Special Home Screen Pane: Briefing

If you swipe all the way to the left-most Home screen pane, you will see the Briefing app. The Briefing app is a portal for news including business, technology, celebrity, science, entertainment, style, food, and travel. Scroll up and down to see all news feeds. Tap the Menu icon to customize each news topic, and rearrange the topic layout. Swipe left to return to the first Home screen pane.

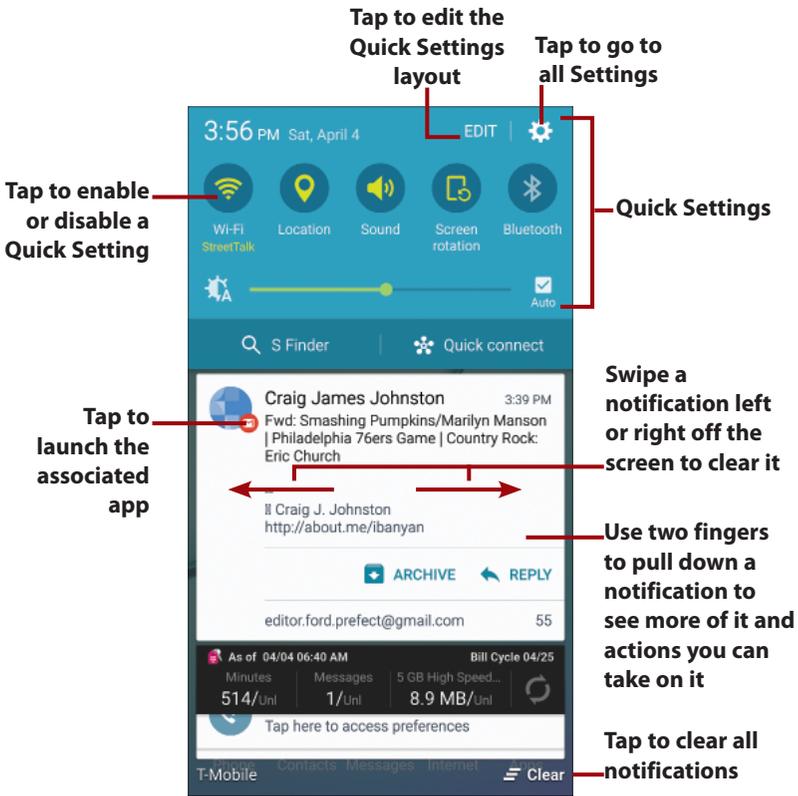


Tap to customize the Briefing app

Scroll down to see more news topics

## Work with Notifications

To interact with notifications that appear in the Notification Panel, place your finger above the top of the screen and drag to pull down the Notification Panel and reveal the notifications. Swipe individual notifications off the screen to the left or right to clear them one by one, or tap Clear to clear all of them at once. The Notification Panel also includes Quick Settings, such as the ability to turn on or off Wi-Fi or Bluetooth.



### What Are Quick Settings?

Quick Settings are icons that allow quick on/off actions. Examples are turning Wi-Fi on or off and turning Bluetooth on or off. You cannot change the settings for items; you can only turn them on or off. To change the settings for these items, you need to tap the cog icon to go to the full Settings screen. Tapping Edit enables you to rearrange the Quick Setting icon positions and choose which ones are visible.

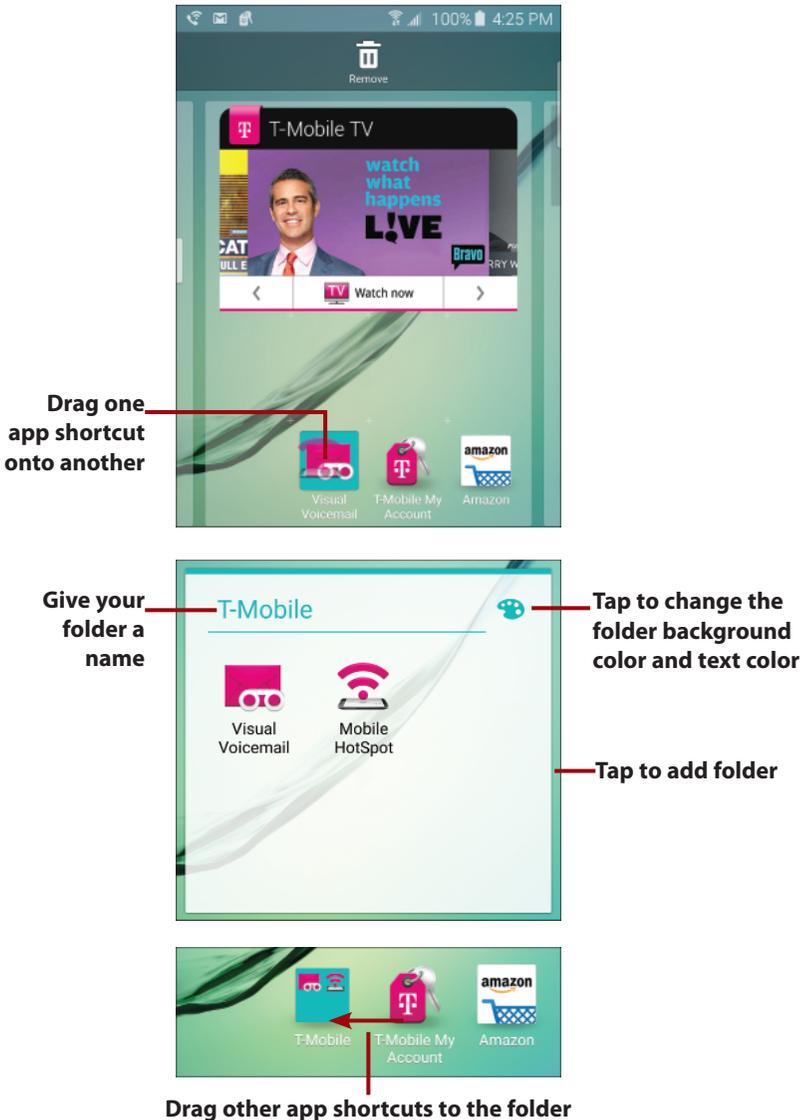
## Create App Shortcuts

Tap the Launcher icon to see all of your apps. Touch and hold on the app you want to make a shortcut for. After the Home screen appears, drag the app shortcut to the location you want the shortcut to be on the Home screen, drag it to an app folder, or drag it left or right off the screen to move between Home screen panes. Release the icon to place it.



## Create App Folders

To create a new app folder, touch and hold the first app shortcut you want in your folder and drag it on top of the second app shortcut you want in your folder. After you give your app folder a name, tap outside the folder to see the folder on your Home screen. Now you can drag other app shortcuts into that folder. To open the folder, tap it to reveal the shortcuts in that folder.



## Create a New Home Screen Pane and Remove an App Shortcut

If you want to create a new Home screen pane, touch and hold an app shortcut icon. Drag your app shortcut icon to the Create Page icon (the plus symbol), and the shortcut is placed on a brand-new Home screen pane. To remove an app shortcut icon, drag it to the Remove icon.



**Drag an app shortcut icon to the Remove icon to delete it from the Home screen pane**

**Drag an app shortcut icon to the right-most pane to put it on a new Home screen pane**

## Use the Touchscreen

You interact with your Galaxy S6 mostly by touching the screen, which is known as making gestures on the screen. You can tap, swipe, pinch, touch and hold, double-tap, and type.



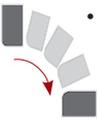
- **Tap**—To start an application, tap its icon. Tap a menu item to select it. Tap the letters of the onscreen keyboard to type.



- **Touch and hold**—Touch and hold to interact with an object. For example, if you touch and hold a blank area of the Home screen, a menu pops up. If you touch and hold an icon, you can reposition it with your finger.



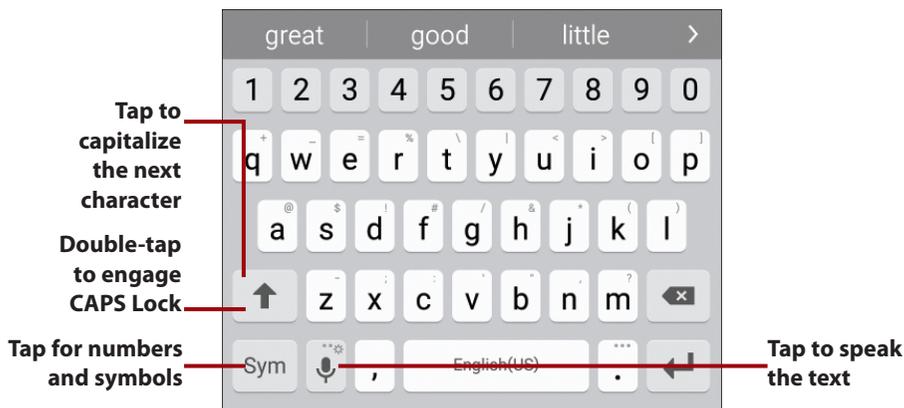
- **Drag**—Dragging always starts with a touch and hold. For example, if you touch the Notification Panel, you can drag it down to read all of the notification messages.

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 • **Swipe or slide**—Swipe or slide the screen to scroll quickly. To swipe or slide, move your finger across the screen quickly. Be careful not to touch and hold before you swipe or you will reposition something. You can also swipe to clear notifications or close apps when viewing the recent apps.
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 • **Double-tap**—Double-tapping is like double-clicking a mouse on a desktop computer. Tap the screen twice in quick succession. For example, you can double-tap a web page to zoom in to part of that page.
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 • **Pinch**—To zoom in and out of images and pages, place your thumb and forefinger on the screen. Pinch them together to zoom out or spread them apart to zoom in (unpinching). Applications such as Browser, Gallery, and Maps support pinching.
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 • **Rotate the screen**—If you rotate your Galaxy S6 from an upright position to being on its left or right side, the screen switches from portrait view to landscape view. Most applications honor the screen orientation. The Home screens and Launcher do not.

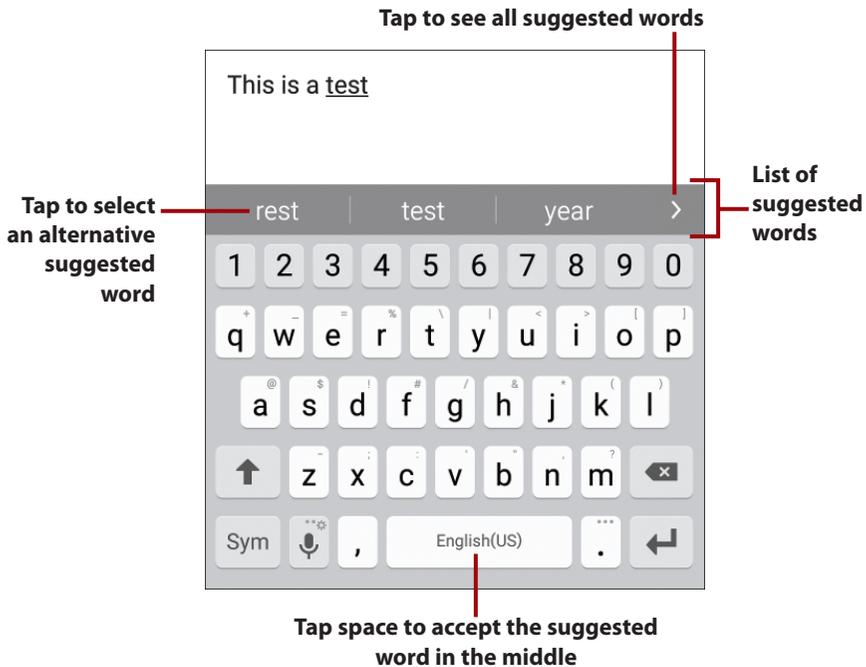
## Use the Keyboard

Your Galaxy S6 has a virtual or onscreen keyboard for those times when you need to enter text. You might be a little wary of a keyboard that has no physical keys, but you will be pleasantly surprised at how well it works.

Most applications automatically show the keyboard when you need to enter text. If the keyboard does not appear, tap the area where you want to type and the keyboard slides up, ready for use.



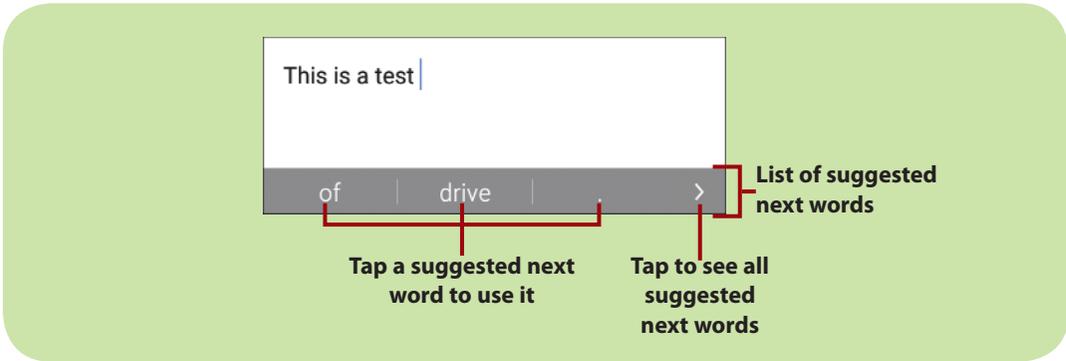
As you type, your Galaxy S6 makes word suggestions. Think of this as similar to the spell checker you would see in a word processor. Your Galaxy S6 uses a dictionary of words to guess what you are typing. If the word you were going to type is the middle option in the list of suggestions, tap space or period to select it. If you can see the word in the list but it is not the middle word, tap the word to select it.



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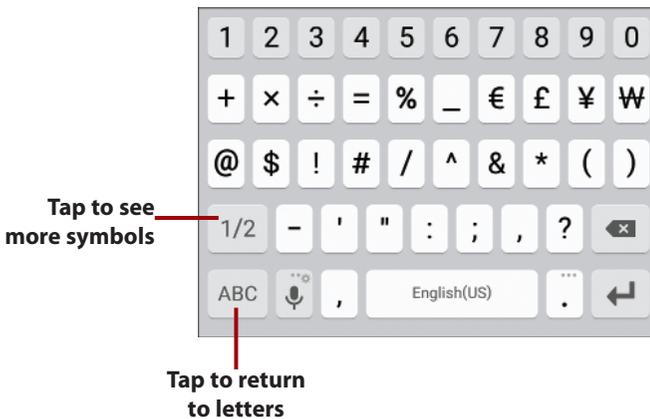
### NEXT WORD SUGGESTION

When you are between typing words, the keyboard tries to predict the next word you want to type. (In this example I typed “This is a test”; the keyboard is suggesting that the most obvious word I want to type next is “drive,” but it is also showing that I might want to type “of” or end the sentence with a period.) All you need to do is tap the correct word, and the keyboard types it for you. If the keyboard is not showing a word that you want to use, simply continue typing. The more you type, the more the keyboard learns how you write and the better it will become at suggesting the next words you are likely to type.



To make the next letter you type a capital letter, tap the Shift key. To make all letters capitals (or CAPS), double-tap the Shift key to engage CAPS Lock. Tap Shift again to disengage CAPS Lock.

To type numbers or symbols, tap the Symbols key. When on the Numbers and Symbols screen, tap the Symbols key to see extra symbols. There are two screens of symbols. Tap the ABC key to return to the regular keyboard.



## Quick Access to Symbols

If you want to type commonly used symbols, touch and hold the period key. A small window opens with those common symbols. Tap a symbol to type it or tap the Sym icon to see all symbols.



**Touch and hold to see  
common symbols**

To enter an accented character, touch and hold any vowel or the C, N, or S key. A small window opens enabling you to select an accented or alternative character. Slide your finger over the accented character and lift your finger to type it.



**Touch and hold  
for accented  
characters**

To reveal other alternative characters, touch and hold any other letter, number, or symbol.

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## Want a Larger Keyboard?

Turn your Galaxy S6 sideways to switch to a landscape keyboard. The landscape keyboard has larger keys and is easier to type on.



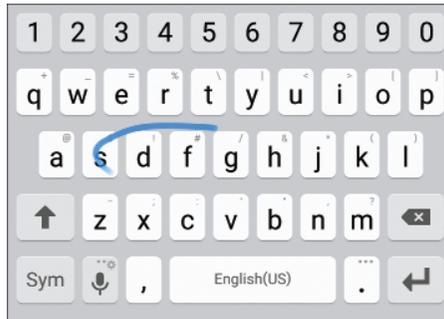
**Landscape keyboard**

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## Swipe to Type

Instead of typing on the keyboard in the traditional way by tapping each letter individually, you can swipe over the letters in one continuous movement. This is called Swiftkey Flow. It is enabled by default; to use it, just start swiping your finger over the letters of the word you want to type. Lift your finger after each word. No need to worry about spaces because your Galaxy S6 adds them for you. To type a double letter (as in the word *pool*), loop around that letter on the keyboard. As you swipe, a blue line trails your finger.



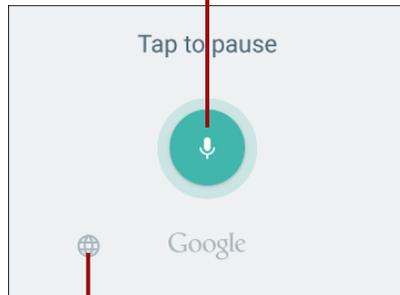
## Dictation—Speak Instead of Type

Your Galaxy S6 can turn your voice into text. It uses Google's speech recognition service, which means you must have a connection to the cellular network or a Wi-Fi network to use it.

1. Tap the microphone key.
2. Wait until you see the green microphone icon and start speaking what you want to be typed. You can speak the punctuation by saying "comma," "question mark," "exclamation mark," or "exclamation point."



**Tap to pause**

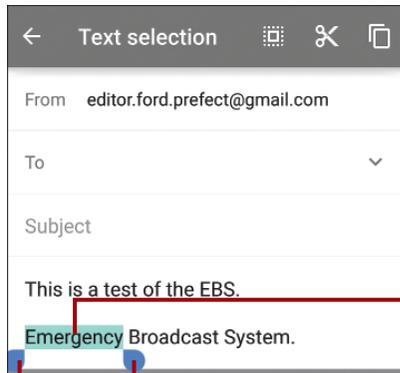


**Tap to select a different dictation language**

## Edit Text

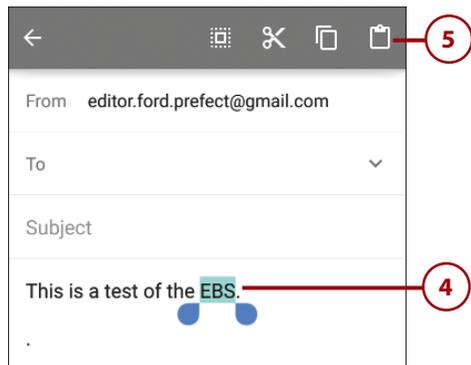
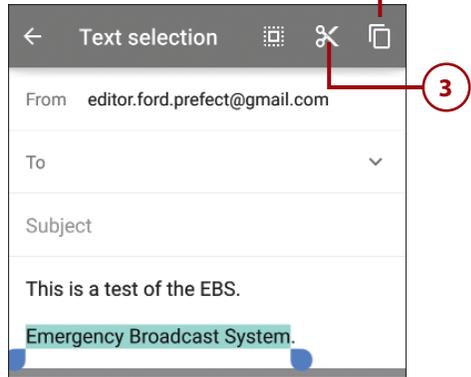
After you enter text, you can edit it by cutting, copying, or pasting the text. This task describes how to select and cut text so you can paste over a word with the cut text.

1. While you are typing, touch and hold a word you want to copy.
2. Slide the blue end markers until you have selected all of the text you want to copy.



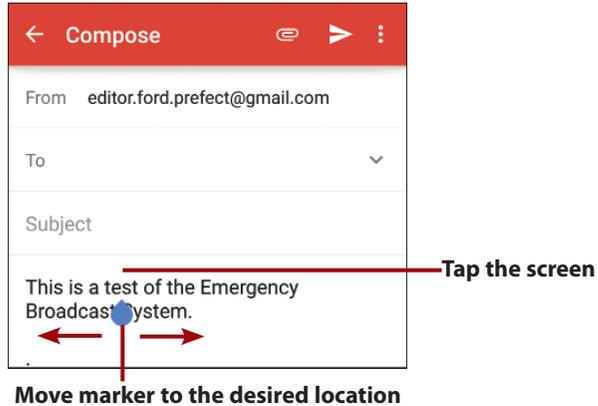
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3. Tap to cut the text. Cutting text places it in the Clipboard, just like a Copy action would do.
4. Touch and hold the word you want to paste over.
5. Tap to paste what you cut earlier.

**Tap to copy the selected text**

## Placing a Cursor

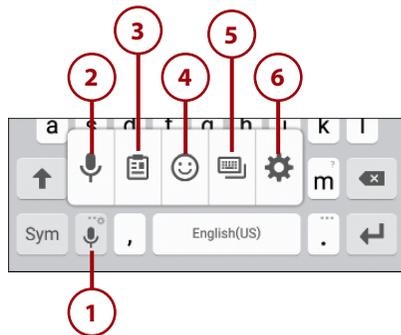
You can also simply place a cursor on the screen and move it around to do manual text editing, such as backspace to delete letters or manually insert a new word. To do this, tap the screen in the text area. A single blue marker displays; drag that marker to the point in the text where you want to make changes. Start typing or tap backspace, and the action occurs at the cursor position.



## Keyboard Tricks

You can write instead of typing, use emoticons (smiley faces), and enable a one-handed keyboard.

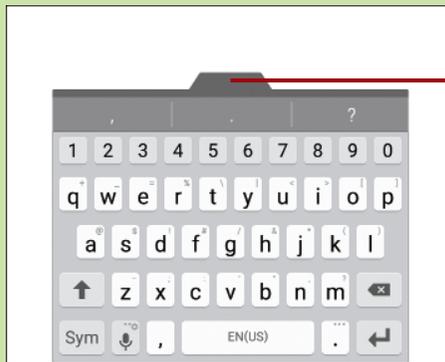
1. Touch and hold the microphone key (to the right of the Sym key).
2. Tap to use dictation.
3. Tap to see everything you have previously copied to the clipboard. If there is text, you can touch it to paste it at the cursor position.
4. Tap to type emoticons (smiley faces).
5. Tap to choose a one-handed keyboard.
6. Tap to change keyboard settings, including choosing a new keyboard.



## >>>Go Further

### ONE-HANDED TYPING

If you would prefer to have the ability to type with one hand, you can choose the one-handed keyboard mode. This mode squashes the keyboard so that you can type with one thumb. To enable one-handed mode, follow Steps 1 and 5 in the “Keyboard Tricks” task. Drag the shrunken keyboard anywhere on the screen where it is comfortable for you to type with one hand. Repeat Steps 1 and 5 in the “Keyboard Tricks” task to revert to the normal keyboard.



**Drag the  
keyboard**

## Menus

Your Galaxy S6 has two types of menus: app menus and context menus. All applications use an app menu. To see the app menu, tap the Menu icon, which is normally on the top-right of the screen. As an alternative (but slower) method, you can touch and hold the Recent Apps button to see the app menu.

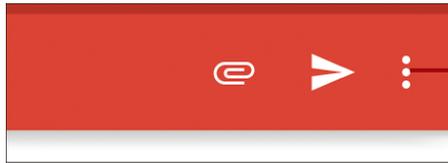
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### OLDER APPS AND THE MENU BUTTON

Some older Android apps that have not been updated to handle newer model Samsung devices may not display the regular Menu icon (three vertical dots) because they think that the Samsung phone has a physical Menu button.

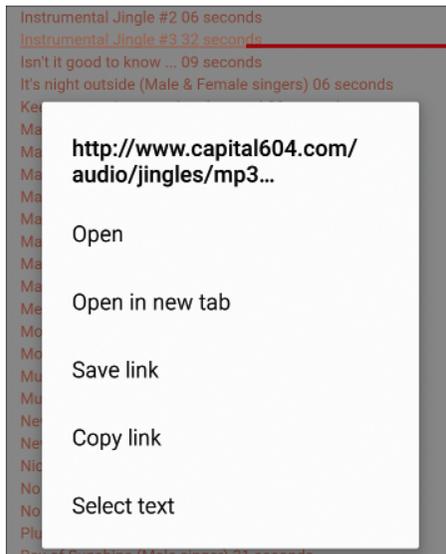
Because newer Samsung phones (including your Galaxy S6) now no longer have a physical Menu button, if you suspect that the app you are using should have a Menu icon, touch and hold the Recent Apps button to trigger the app menu.

**Touch and hold  
for the menu**



**Tap to see the  
app menu**

A context menu applies to an item on the screen. If you touch and hold something on the screen (in this example, a link on a web page), a context menu appears. The items on the context menu are based on the type of object you touched.

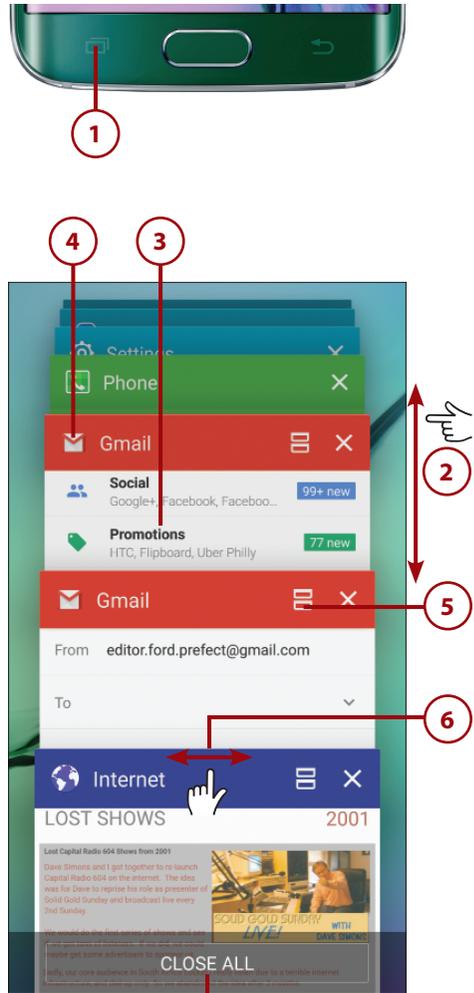


**Touch and hold a  
link to reveal the  
link context menu**

## Switch Between Apps

You can switch between running apps as well as close apps using the multitasking feature.

1. Tap the Recent Apps button (to the left of the Home button).
2. Scroll up and down the list of running apps.
3. Tap an app to switch to it.
4. Touch and hold an app icon to see memory and processor usage for each active app.
5. Tap to open the app in split-screen mode. This opens the app so that it only takes up the top half of the screen. See more about running multiple apps at the same time in the next section.
6. Swipe an app left or right off the screen to close it or tap the X on the top right of the app.



Tap to close all apps

## Run Multiple Apps on the Screen at the Same Time

Your Galaxy S6 has a feature called Multi Window that allows certain apps to run on the same screen at the same time. They can either run in a split-screen configuration, in multiple separate small windows, or a combination of both.

### Two Apps Together on a Split Screen

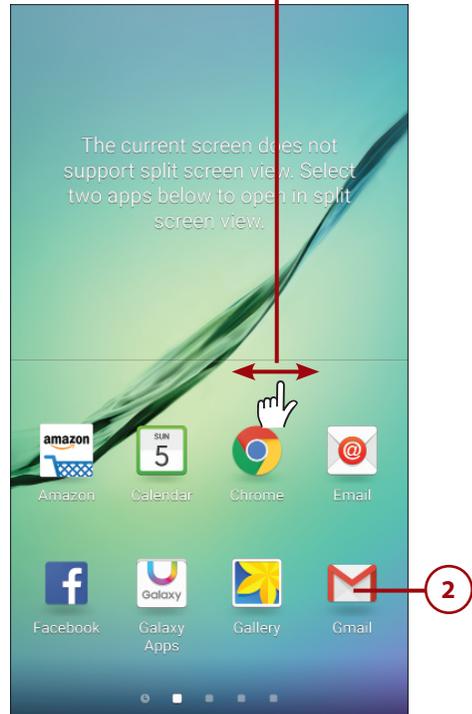
This section explains how to run two apps at the same time in a split-screen configuration.

1. Touch and hold the Recent Apps button while on the Home screen, to see apps that support Multi Window.



2. Tap an app you want to run. The app launches in the top half of the screen.

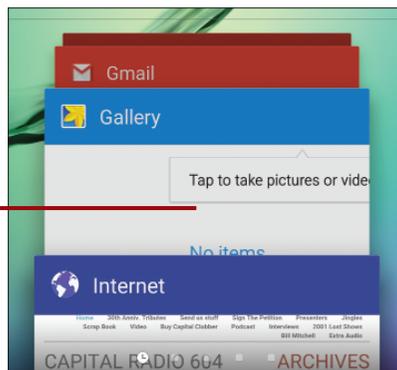
### Scroll left and right to see all apps



## Choose Apps That Are Already Running

When choosing which apps to start in Multi Window mode, if you keep scrolling right so that you see the left-most screen, it looks very much like the Recent Apps screen. Tap an app that is already running to switch it to Multi Window mode.

Tap to choose a running app

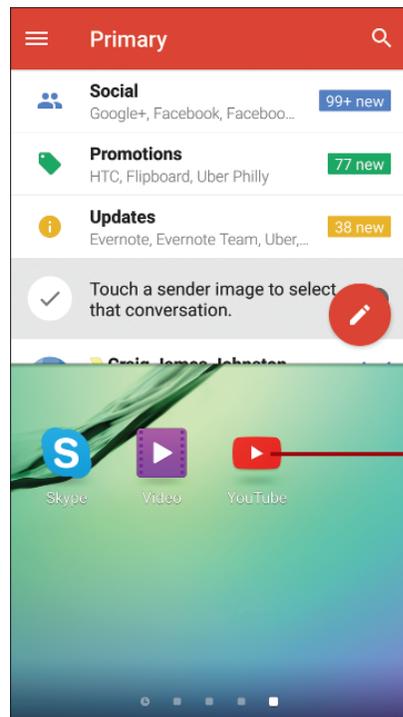


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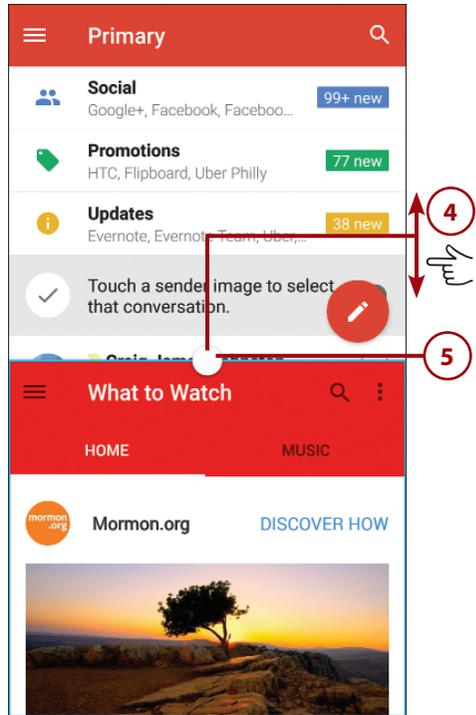
### **Not All Apps Support Multi Window**

Apps must be specially written to take advantage of Samsung's Multi Window mode because Multi Window mode is not part of the Android operating system. This means that you might not see the apps you are looking for until the developer updates the app to support Samsung's Multi Window mode.

3. Tap a second app icon to launch it in the bottom half of the screen.



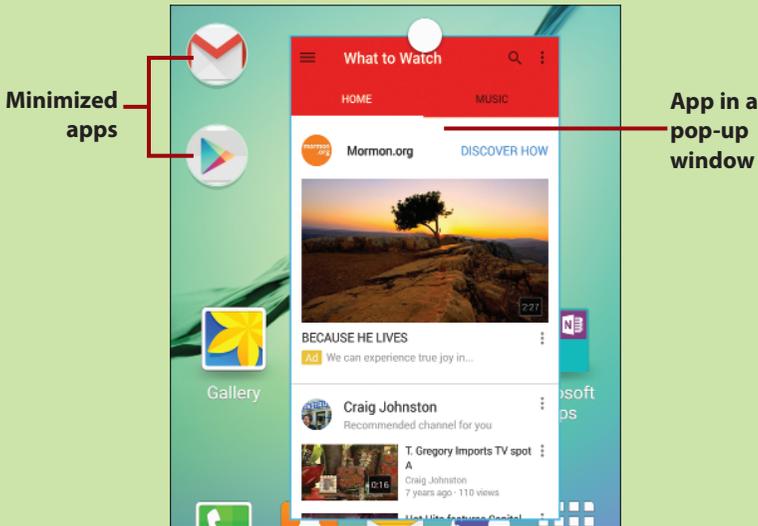
4. Drag the circle up or down to give more or less room to each app.
5. Tap the circle to reveal extra Multi Window features.
6. Tap to swap the position of the apps on the screen.
7. Tap to enable dragging content (such as text or an image) between windows.
8. Tap to minimize the selected app to a small draggable circle on the screen. A blue box indicates which is the selected app.
9. Tap to maximize the selected app to full screen. A blue box indicates which is the selected app.
10. Tap to close the app in the selected window. The selected app has a blue box around its perimeter.



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### MINIMIZED APPS

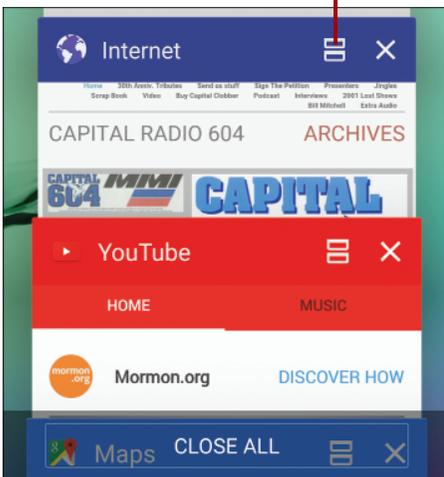
When you choose to minimize an app as shown in Step 8, the app shrinks to a small circle on the screen. You can drag the minimized app anywhere on the screen. If you touch and hold the app, a trash can icon appears; drag the app to the trash can to close the app. If you tap the minimized app, it enlarges to a pop-up window instead of maximizing back to its original window in the split screen. You can then continue working on the app in its small window. When an app is in a pop-up window, you can resize it by dragging the blue border around the app. Minimized and pop-up apps continue to be shown no matter what screen you are on and what app you are running.



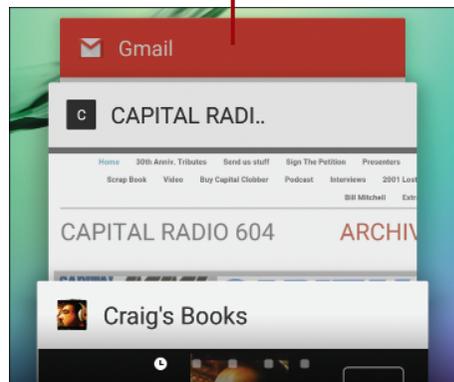
## Quicker Way of Running Multi Window

If you only want to use apps that are already running in Multi Window, you can do this more quickly. Tap the Recent Apps button. Tap the Multi Window icon on any running app. That app switches to Multi Window mode and displays in the top-half of the screen. Next, tap a second app to run in the bottom half of the screen. Remember that not all apps support Multi Window so some apps may not have the Multi Window icon.

**Tap to select app for Multi Window**



**Choose a second app**



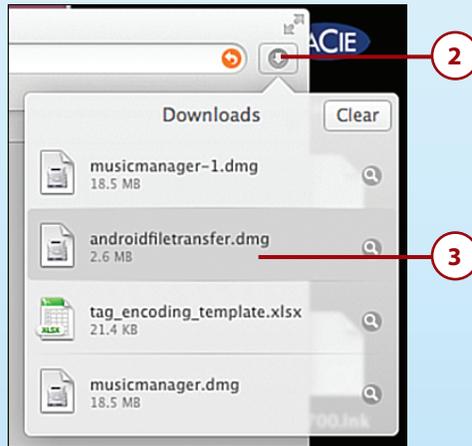
## Installing Synchronization Software

Because your Galaxy S6 is tightly integrated with Google and its services, all media that you purchase from the Google Play Store on your phone is stored in the Google cloud and accessible anywhere, anytime. However, you might have a lot of music on your computer and need to copy that to your Google cloud. To do that, you need to install the Google Music Manager software or the Android File Transfer app for your Mac to copy any files back and forth.

## Install Android File Transfer (Apple Mac OS X)

You only need the Android File Transfer app when using a Samsung Android phone (such as your Galaxy S6) on an Apple Mac running OS X.

1. From your Mac, browse to <http://www.android.com/filetransfer/> and download the Android File Transfer app.



2. Click the Downloads icon.
3. Double-click the app in your Safari Downloads.
4. Drag the green Android to the Applications shortcut to install the app.



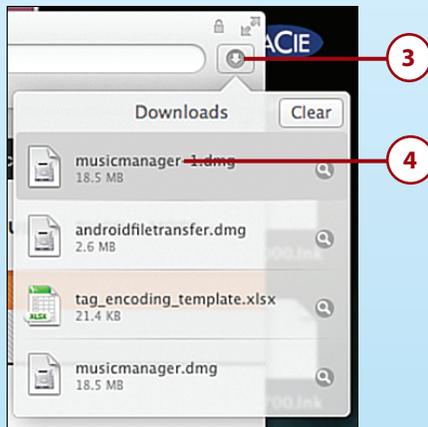
## Install Google Music Manager (Apple Mac)

Don't install Google Music Manager unless you plan to upload files from your computer to the Google cloud.

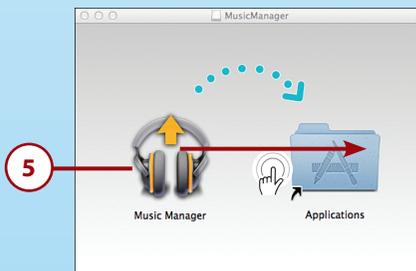
1. Visit [https://music.google.com/music/listen#manager\\_pl](https://music.google.com/music/listen#manager_pl) from your desktop web browser and log in to your Google account if you're prompted.
2. Click to download Music Manager.



3. Click the Downloads icon.
4. Double-click the app in your Safari Downloads.



5. Drag the Music Manager icon to the Applications shortcut to install the app.



- Double-click the Music Manager icon in the Applications folder.



- Skip to the “Configure Music Manager (Windows and Apple Mac)” section to complete the installation.

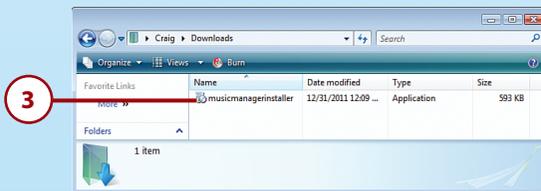
## Install Google Music Manager (Windows)

Don't install Google Music Manager unless you plan to upload files from your computer to the Google cloud.

- Visit [https://music.google.com/music/listen#manager\\_pl](https://music.google.com/music/listen#manager_pl) from your desktop web browser and log in to your Google account if you're prompted.
- Click to download Music Manager.



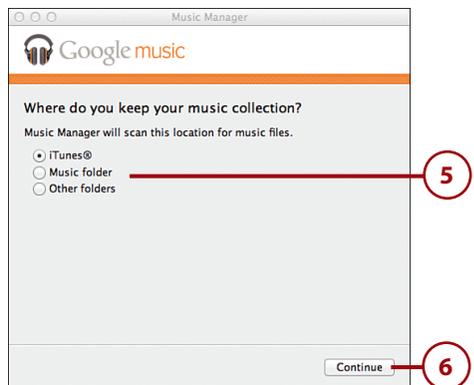
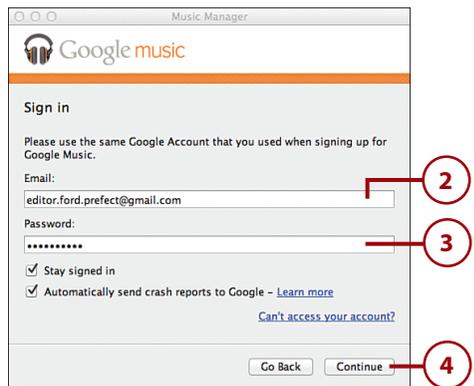
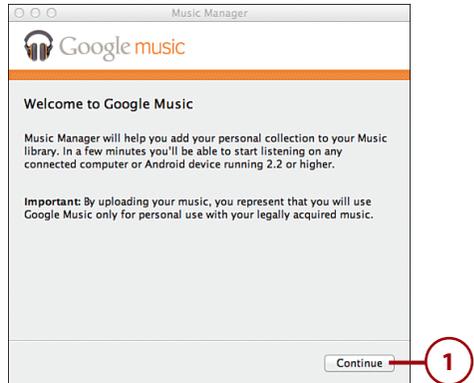
- Double-click the app in your Downloads folder.



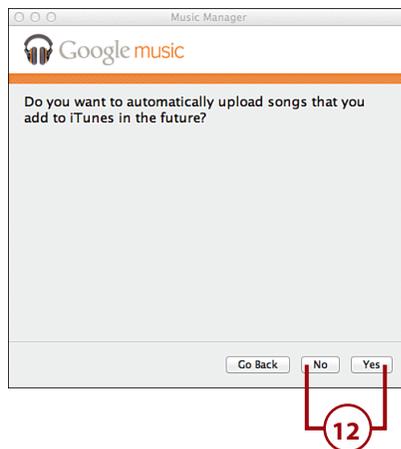
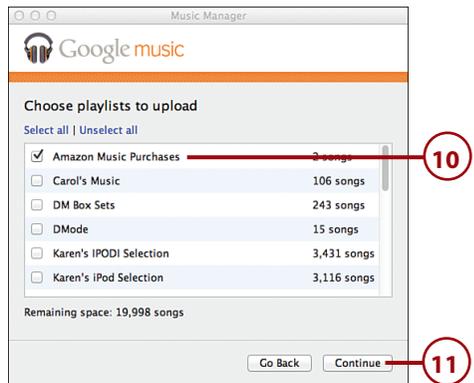
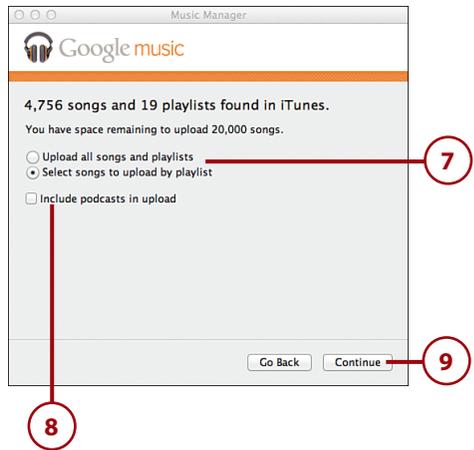
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## Configure Music Manager (Windows and Apple Mac)

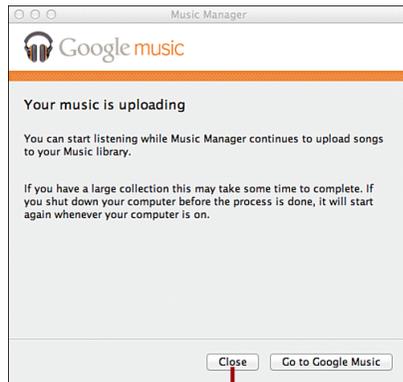
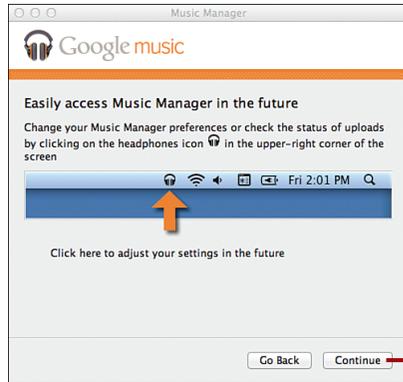
1. Click Continue.
2. Enter your Google (Gmail) email address.
3. Enter your Google (Gmail) password.
4. Click Continue.
5. Choose where you keep your music.
6. Click Continue.



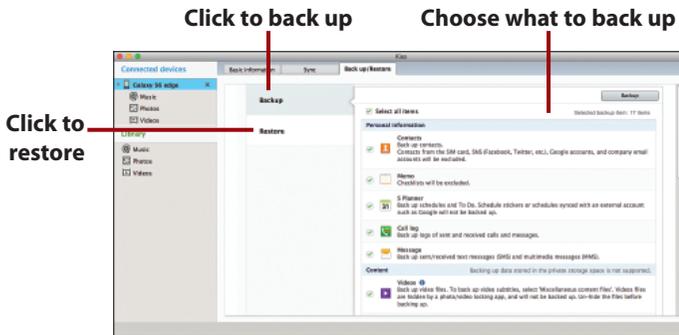
7. Choose whether to upload all of your music or just some of your playlists. Remember that you can only upload 20,000 songs for free. Skip to Step 12 if you chose to upload all music.
8. Check if you also want to upload podcasts.
9. Click Continue.
10. Select one or more playlists of music.
11. Click Continue.
12. Choose whether you want to automatically upload any new music that is added to your computer.



13. Click Continue.
14. Click Close.



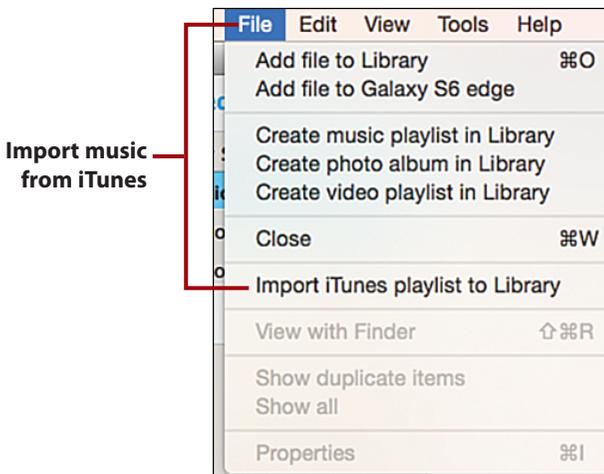




- **Click to back up**—On the Backup/Restore tab, click Backup and choose what you would like to back up from your Galaxy S6 or S6 edge to your computer.
- **Click to restore**—On the Backup/Restore tab, click restore and choose from a previous backup on your computer to restore to your Galaxy S6 or S6 edge.

## Import from iTunes

If you have all of your music in iTunes, you can use Kies to import music that is part of an iTunes playlist. First you need to create a new playlist in iTunes that contains all the music you want on your Galaxy S6 or S6 edge. In Kies, click File, Import iTunes Playlist to Library to import all songs in the chosen iTunes playlist into the Kies music library. After the songs are imported, you can synchronize them to your Galaxy S6 or S6 edge.





**Turn your current call into a conference call**



In this chapter, you find out how to make and receive phone calls (including conference calls) using your Galaxy S6. Topics include the following:

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- Making phone calls
- Receiving phone calls
- Making conference calls

# 2

## Making and Receiving Calls

As a cellular phone, your Galaxy S6 includes powerful features that enable you to make phone calls swiftly and easily.

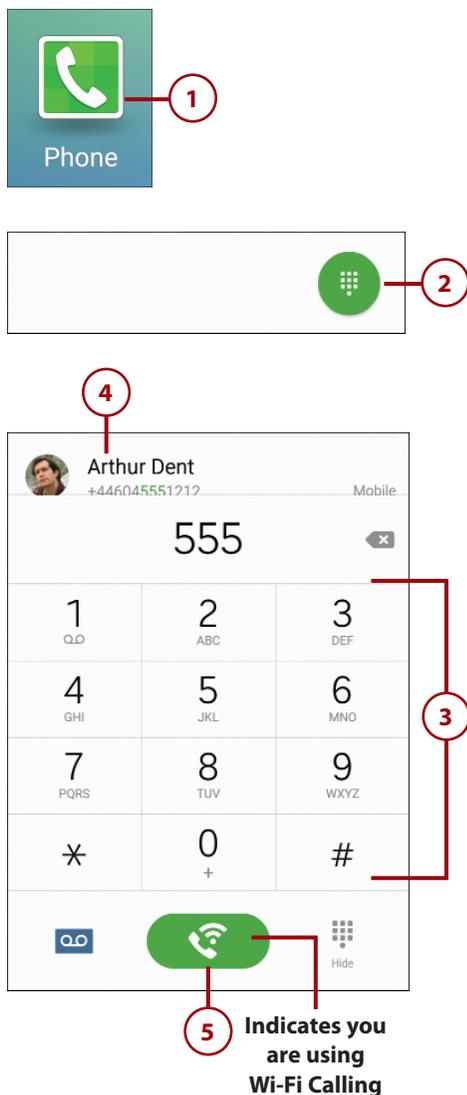
### Getting to Know the Phone App

With the Phone app, you can quickly make and receive calls across the cellular network. This section introduces you to some of the features you might frequently use.

## Open and Navigate the Phone App

The Phone app contains three tabs that enable you to make calls in various ways and to track the calls you receive.

1. On the Home screen, tap Phone.
2. Tap the dialpad icon to display the dialpad. The dialpad icon is always visible on the bottom right of the screen while you are in the Phone app.
3. Tap the keys to dial a number.
4. If the Phone app displays a suggested contact with a matching number, you can tap the contact if it is the one you want.
5. Tap the green phone icon to place the call.



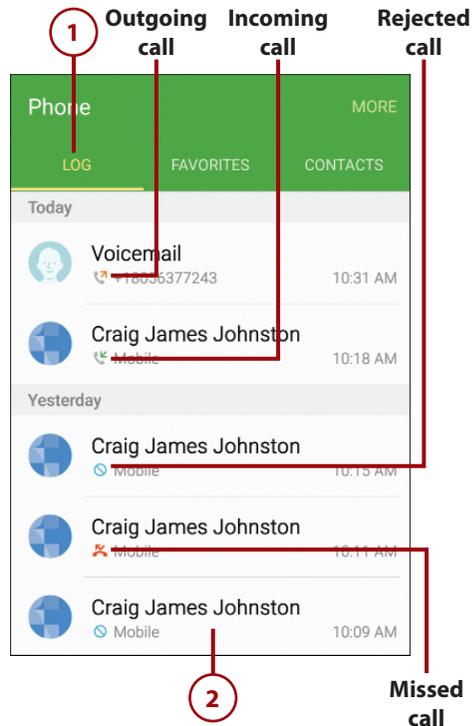
## What Is Wi-Fi Calling?

The technical name for Wi-Fi Calling is Universal Media Access (UMA). This technology is provided by some carriers around the world and enables your Galaxy S6 to roam between the cellular network and Wi-Fi networks. Typically when you are connected to a Wi-Fi network, any calls you make are free and of higher audio quality because of the faster speeds. As you move out of Wi-Fi coverage, your S6 hands the call off to the cellular network—and vice versa—allowing your call to continue without interruption. The Phone app indicates when you are using Wi-Fi Calling by placing a Wi-Fi symbol next to the phone icon. If you want to read more about UMA or Wi-Fi Calling, read this online article: <http://crackberry.com/saving-call-charges-recession-your-blackberry>. The article is on a BlackBerry blog, but the descriptions of the technology still apply.

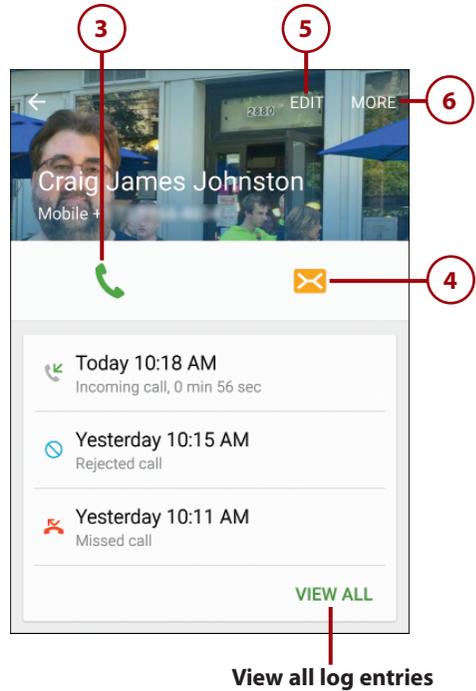
## Call Log

The Call Log tab shows all activity in the Phone app, including incoming calls, missed calls, and placed calls.

1. Tap Log to see a list of the calls you have missed, placed, and received.
2. Tap a log entry to see more information about the caller.



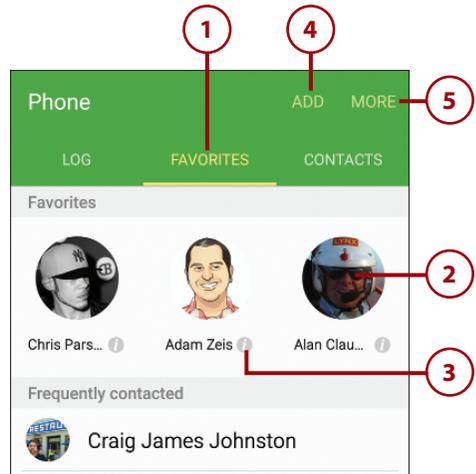
3. Tap the phone icon to place a call to the caller.
4. Tap the envelope icon to send an SMS (text message) to the caller.
5. Tap Edit to delete one or more call log entries for this caller.
6. Tap More to view the full contact record for this caller, or add the caller to your Auto Reject List.



## Favorites

The Favorites tab shows contacts you have marked as favorite and contacts you call often.

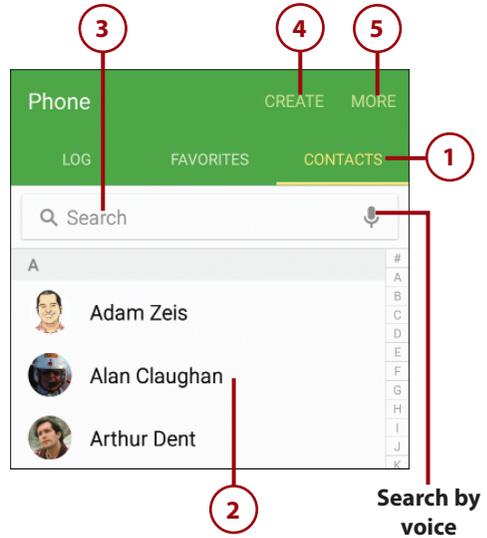
1. Tap Favorites to see your favorite and frequently called contacts.
2. Tap the contact image of a favorite contact to place a call to him or her.
3. Tap the information icon to the right of a favorite contact's name to see all of the information about the contact.
4. Tap Add to add additional favorite contacts from your Contacts list.
5. Tap More to remove favorite contacts, or to reorder their positions on the Favorites tab.



## Contacts

The Contacts tab shows all of the contacts that you have added to the Contacts app.

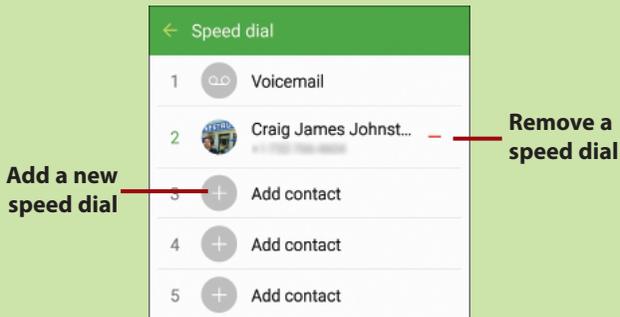
1. Tap Contacts to see all of your contacts.
2. Tap a contact to see all information about that contact.
3. Tap to search for a contact.
4. Tap Create to add a new contact.
5. Tap More to remove contacts or see your Speed Dial screen.



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### SPEED DIAL

Speed dialing is a bit of a holdover from the 1980s and '90s when phones weren't as sophisticated as they are today. However, you might still find it useful to touch and hold one key to call a number. To add or edit your Speed Dial numbers, tap the Menu icon and tap Speed Dial. (Voicemail is already assigned to speed dial 1.) Tap the plus symbol for a numbered entry to add a contact for that Speed Dial number. To use Speed Dial, while the keypad is visible, touch and hold a number associated with a Speed Dial contact. That number will be dialed.

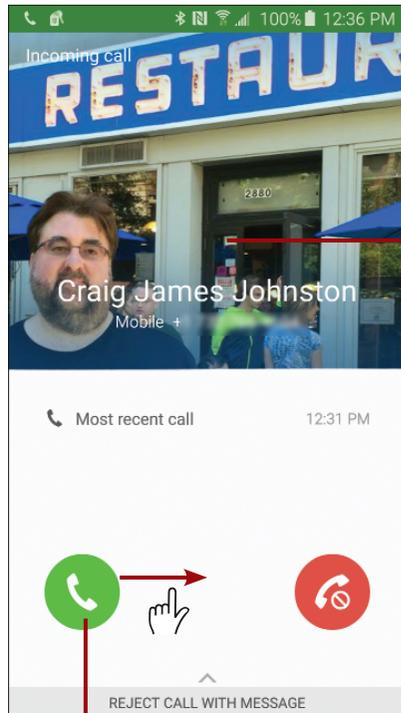


## Receiving a Call

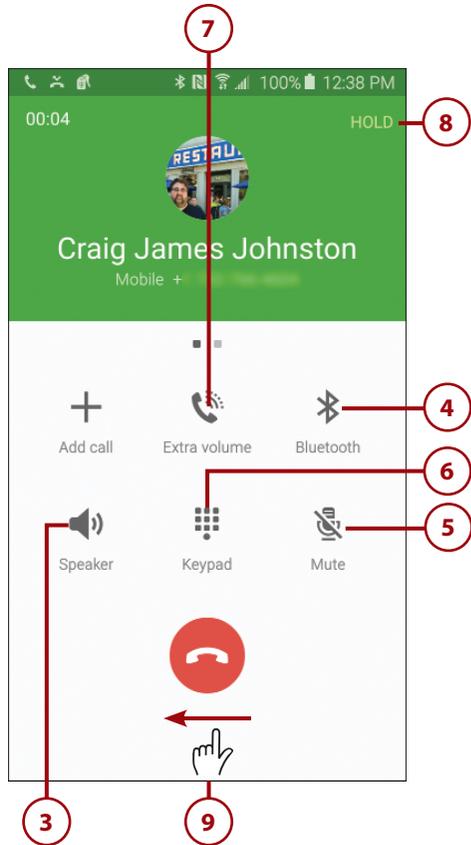
When someone phones your Galaxy S6, you can accept the call, reject it, or reject it and send a text message.

### Accept a Call

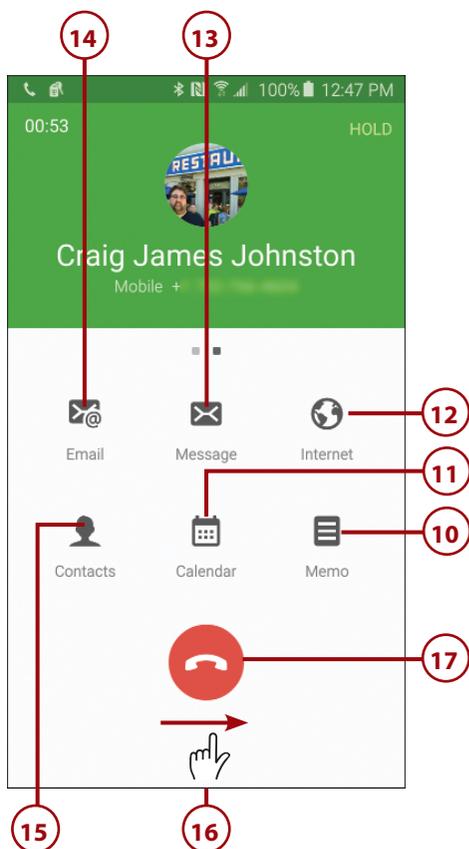
1. When the phone rings, look at the contact name (if it is available) or the phone number (if the name is not) and decide whether to take the call.
2. Swipe the green phone icon to the right to accept the call.



3. Tap to switch the call audio to the speaker.
4. Tap to switch the call audio to a Bluetooth device you have previously paired, such as a headset, your smartwatch, or your vehicle's built-in Bluetooth.
5. Tap to mute the call. Tap again to turn off muting.
6. Tap to show the keypad if you need to type extra numbers after the call is connected.
7. Tap to boost the call volume if the caller is very soft.
8. Tap to put the call on hold.
9. Swipe to the right to see more options, such as the ability to write a memo that is associated with the caller.



10. Tap to write a memo that is associated with the caller while you're on the call.
11. Tap to open the Calendar app, view the calendar, and create a new appointment if needed.
12. Tap to open the Internet browser and use it while on the call.
13. Tap to send an SMS (text message) to the caller.
14. Tap to send an email to the caller.
15. Tap to show the caller's information in the Contacts app.
16. Tap to end the call.
17. Tap to end the call.

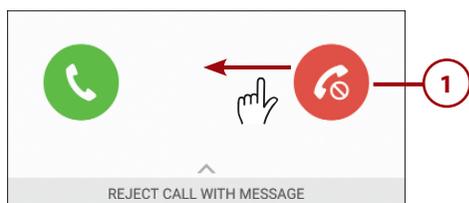


## Reject a Call

If you do not want to accept the call, you can reject it so that it goes to your voicemail.

1. When the phone rings, swipe the red phone icon to the left to reject the call.

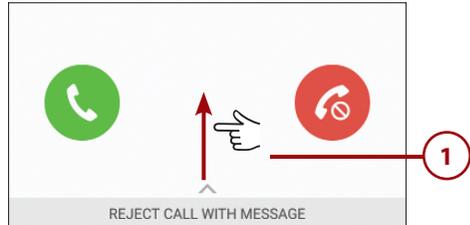
The call goes to voicemail, and your Galaxy S6 displays the screen you were using before the call came in.



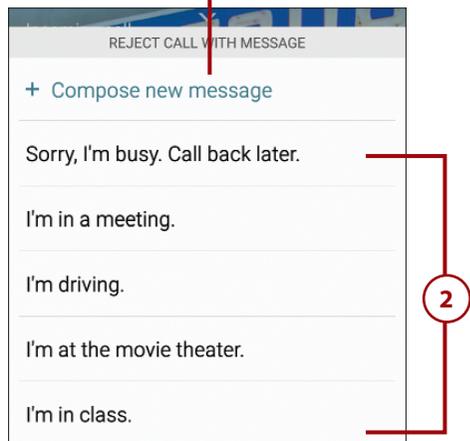
## Reject a Call and Send a Text Message

Instead of simply declining a call and sending it to your voicemail, you can send an SMS (text message) straight back to the caller. Your Galaxy S6 provides a selection of canned messages for general needs. You can also create your own messages or type custom messages for particular calls.

1. When the phone rings, swipe up to display the Reject Call with Message shade.
2. Tap to send one of the canned messages.

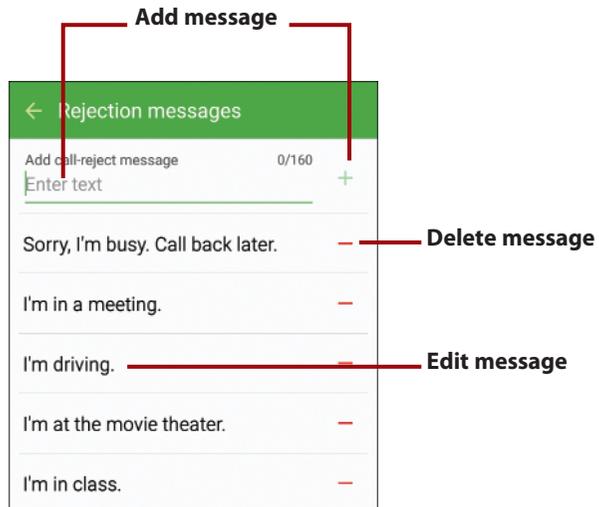


### Tap to create and send a custom message



## Creating Your Own Reject Messages

To create and save your own reject messages, open the Phone app and tap More. On the More menu, tap Settings. On the Call Settings screen, tap Call Rejection and then tap Rejection Messages. On the Rejection Messages screen, type a new rejection message and tap the plus symbol to create a new rejection message, or tap an existing message to open it for editing. Tap the red minus symbol to delete a rejection message.



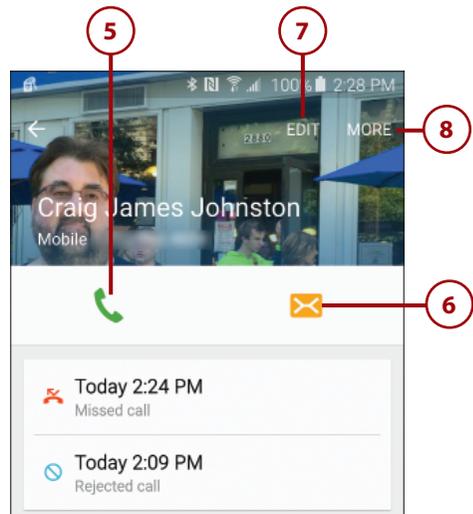
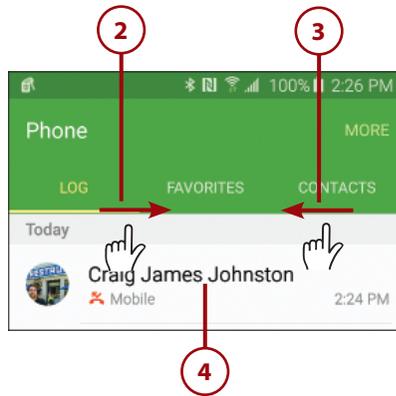
## Handle Missed Calls

If you miss a phone call, you can quickly locate it in the Phone app's logs so that you can return it, but you can also take actions on missed calls from the Lock screen or any other screen.

1. Tap to see the missed call from the Lock screen. If you use a Lock screen password or other method of locking your S6, you are required to use that method to unlock your S6 before you can continue.



2. Swipe from left to right across the missed call log entry to call the number back.
3. Swipe from right to left across the missed call log entry to send an SMS (text message) to the caller.
4. Tap the missed call log entry to see its details.
5. Tap to call the person back.
6. Tap to send an SMS (text message) to the caller.
7. Tap to delete one or more call entries from this caller.
8. Tap to view the caller's full contact information (if you already have the person in your Contacts), or add the number to your Auto Reject list. When someone's number is on the Auto Reject list, your S6 automatically rejects calls from that number.



## Making Calls

Aside from making a call the traditional way—by using the dialpad to punch in the numbers—you voice-dial a call on your Galaxy S6, or you can make a conference call.

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### Starting a Call from the Contacts App

Instead of launching the Phone app and then tapping the Contacts tab to go to the Contacts app, you can start a call directly from the Contacts app. Tap Contacts on the Home screen or the Apps screen to launch the Contacts app, tap the contact to display his or her details, and then tap the green phone icon to the right of the number you want to call.

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### Dial Using Your Voice

With the S Voice feature, your Galaxy S6 enables you to dial calls using your voice.

1. Say “Hi Galaxy” or whatever you set your S Voice Wake-up command to. A blue bar appears on the bottom of your screen indicating that S Voice is listening for a command. Please refer to the Prologue in the section “First-time Setup” to read more about the wake-up command.
2. Say “Call,” followed by the contact’s name; if the contact has multiple phone numbers, say the type of number as well. For example, say “Call Dana Smith mobile” or “Call Craig at Home.”
3. Wait while S Voice dials the number. The Dialing screen appears.



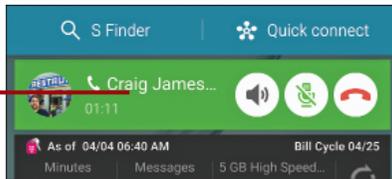
## Using Other Apps During a Call

During a call, you can use most other apps freely, but you cannot play music or video. You can take photos with the Camera app, but you cannot shoot videos. To switch to another app, either use the Recent Apps list or press the Home button and use the Apps screen as usual. While you are using another app, your Galaxy S6 displays a green bar at the top of the screen to remind you that you are on a call. Pull down the Notification Panel to control the call or return to it or take actions such as switch to speakerphone, mute, and hang up.

**Green bar indicates  
call is in progress**



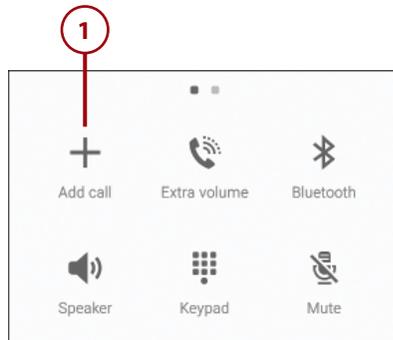
**Tap to return  
to your call**



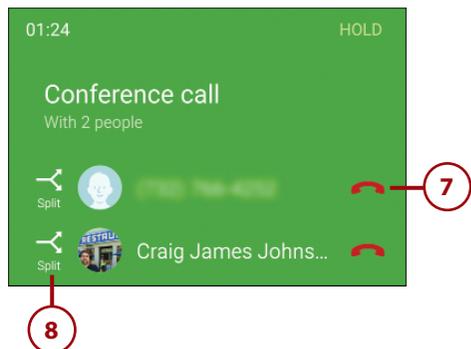
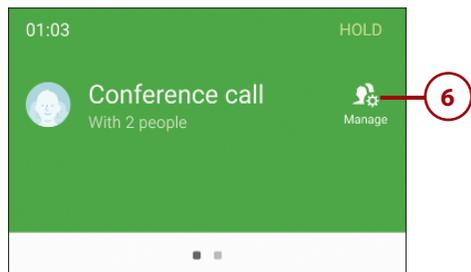
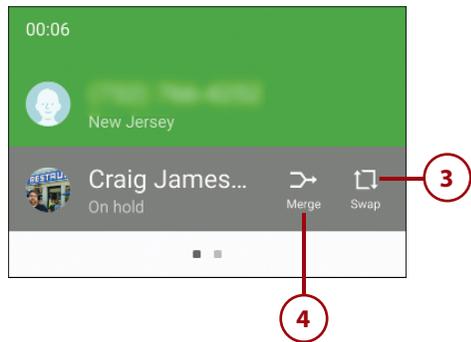
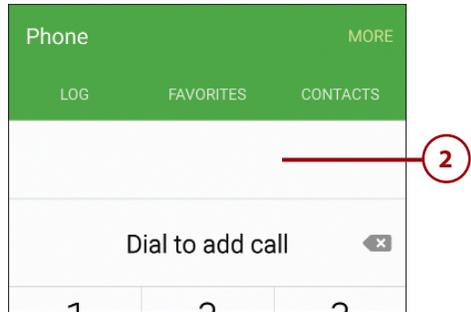
## Make Conference Calls

You can quickly turn your current call into a conference call by adding other participants.

1. With a call in progress, tap Add Call on the call screen.



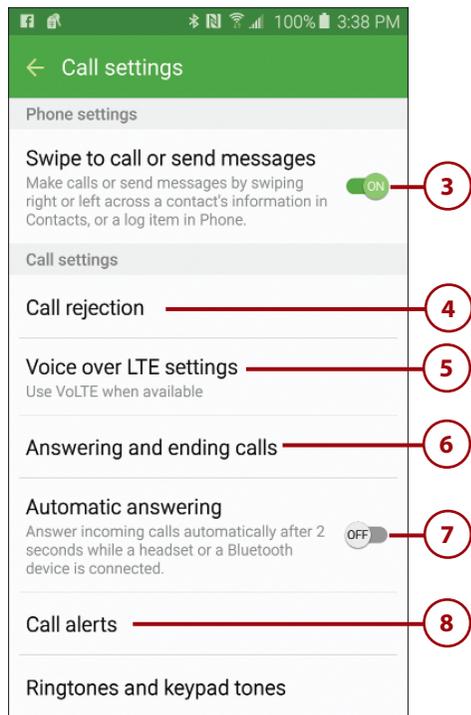
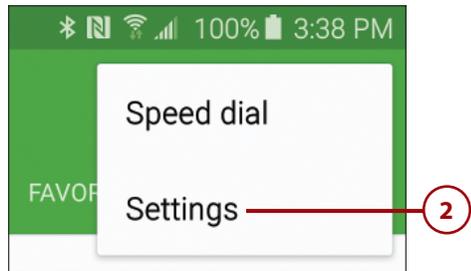
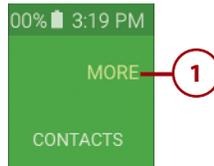
2. Dial the call in the most convenient way. For example, either type out the phone number or dial from the call log, Favorites, or Contacts.
3. Tap to swap between the original call and the one you just added, if you need to.
4. Tap Merge to merge the calls and complete the conference call setup.
5. Repeat Steps 1–4 to add additional callers. The exact number of callers you can have on a conference call is governed by your wireless carrier.
6. Tap Manage if you need to hang up on only one of the conference call parties, or if you need to split one of the parties off the conference call while still keeping them connected and on hold.
7. Tap the red phone icon to the right of a conference party you want to hang up on and remove from the conference call.
8. Tap Split if you want to remove the party from the conference call, but need to keep them connected to your phone and on hold.



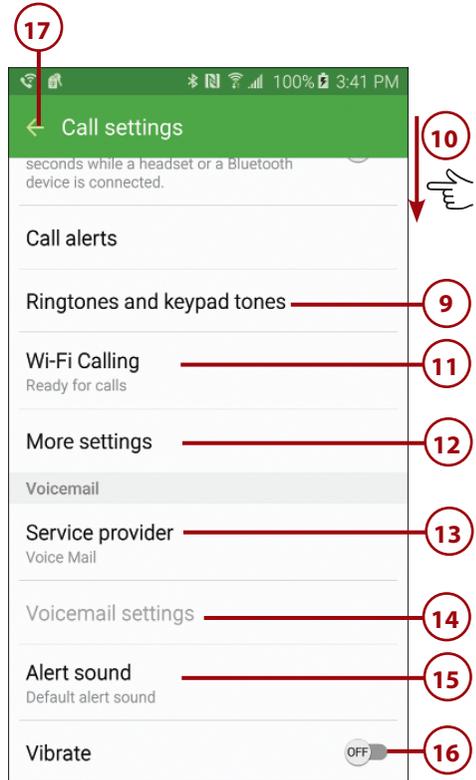
# Configuring the Phone App

To make the Phone app work your way, you can configure its settings.

1. Tap More.
2. Tap Settings.
3. Tap to enable or disable the feature that allows you to swipe over a call log entry to either place a call to that number, or send a text message to it.
4. Tap to choose certain numbers for which calls will be automatically rejected. Tapping here also lets you edit your canned call rejection messages.
5. Tap to choose whether you want to use Voice over LTE (VoLTE) when it is available.
6. Tap to choose how you want to answer and end calls. You can choose to use your voice (saying “answer” or “reject”), press the Home button, or press the Power button.
7. Tap to enable or disable a feature that automatically answers an incoming call if you have your S6 connected to a Bluetooth device or your vehicle’s built-in Bluetooth.
8. Tap to choose options for vibrations, call status tones, and alerts during calls. You can choose whether your Galaxy S6 vibrates or plays a tone when someone answers your call and when they hang up. You can also choose to receive or suppress notifications during calls.



9. Tap to choose the ringtone that plays when you receive an incoming call. You can also choose whether you want your phone to vibrate when you receive an incoming call, and what vibration pattern to use.
10. Scroll down for more settings.
11. Tap to enable or disable Wi-Fi Calling, and choose how you want your S6 to utilize Wi-Fi Calling. You can choose to have your S6 prefer Wi-Fi but use cellular if Wi-Fi is unstable; prefer the cellular network, and only use Wi-Fi if cellular service is unavailable; or only use Wi-Fi for all calls.
12. Tap to see additional settings, including how Caller ID is handled, call forwarding, call waiting, and Fixed Dialing Numbers (FDN). When you tap, the settings are loaded over the wireless network, so you might need to wait a few seconds before they appear.
13. Tap to choose which voicemail service to use (if you have more than one option). If you use Google Voice, it is common to use the Google Voice voicemail system as opposed to the one provided by your wireless carrier.
14. Tap to adjust voicemail settings (if options are available).
15. Tap to choose your ringtone for announcing voicemail.
16. Tap to choose to also vibrate when you are notified of a new voicemail.
17. Tap to save your changes and return to the main phone screen.



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## What Does Call Rejection Do?

Your Galaxy S6's call rejection feature allows you to specify certain numbers to automatically reject, or to reject incoming calls that have no number or show as Unknown. Automatically rejecting specific numbers enables you to avoid calls from people you do not want to talk to.

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## What Is VoLTE?

LTE (or Long-Term Evolution) is the fourth generation of cellular data technology (not to be confused with the slightly faster version of 3G technology that has been incorrectly called 4G for years). VoLTE stands for Voice over LTE. Effectively, your voice call is sent as regular data over the LTE data channel as opposed to over the cellular voice channel. Voice quality is much better due to the higher rate at which the data is transmitted and received, and if the person you are calling also uses VoLTE, you can speak at the same time. Most wireless carriers treat VoLTE as regular voice minutes and don't let it count against your data plan. However, you should verify the situation with your local wireless carrier; otherwise, your data plan might take an unexpected hit.

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