



## GETTING TO KNOW ECHO DOT'S ALEXA

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- ▶ Is the aging population aware and making their homes smarter and safer?
- ▶ Using Google Surveys on January 4th, 2020, Housecall Pro surveyed 1,000 Americans above the age of 55 about which smart home devices they own
  - 12% own a voice-activated assistant, which is one of the more versatile smart home devices.
  - Beyond that, seniors who have smart cameras or sensors, pill dispensers, lights, and garage door openers make up a combined 12%.

**76% OF SENIORS DON'T OWN ANY SMART  
HOME DEVICES**

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| AGENDA | <div><div>1. Voice Activated Devices</div><div>✓ Amazon Echo and Amazon Echo Dot</div><div>✓ Google Home</div><div>2. Benefits</div><div>3. Risks</div><div>4. Setup</div></div> |
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| <div>Race to control your home</div> <div><div>► Amazon Echo’s “Alexa”</div><div>► Google Home’s “Hey Google”</div><div>► Apple Homepod’s “Siri” (proprietary)</div></div> <div>Google’s Android operating system that first began utilizing voice-activated features years ago.</div> <div>VOICE ACTIVATED DEVICES</div> |
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- ▶ Amazon Echo
- ▶ Google Home
- ▶ Apple Homepod
- ▶ Smartphones
- ▶ Vocca Light
- ▶ Ives Slek
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- ▶ Mycroft
- ▶ Smart TV
- ▶ Honeywell Smart Thermostat

## EXAMPLES OF VOICE ACTIVATED DEVICES

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### **Alexa may become your new best friend.**

- Can she play music? Sure.
- Answer questions and tell you the news and weather? Of course.
- Control your lights, thermostat, etc.? Easy. Well maybe not!
- Create a grocery list? Of course.



“ALEXA” ACTIVATES ECHO AND ECHO DOT


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- ▶ Does the same things Alexa can do.
- ▶ If you know how to use Google Assistant, then you know you can say things like “Hey Google, unlock the front door for me,” and the best Google Home compatible devices will carry out your command.


# “HEY GOOGLE” ACTIVATES GOOGLE


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 Listen to

 Podcasts

 News

 Music

 Books

 Nature sounds

Create

- ▶ Shopping lists
- ▶ Reminders
- ▶ Calendar items
- ▶ Gift lists
- ▶ “Honey do” lists
- ▶ Place call
- ▶ Receive first aid instructions

# BENEFITS

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## ALEXA PLAY

- ▶Thunderstorm sounds
- ▶Amazon music soft jazz
- ▶Sirius XM CNN
- ▶Podcast
- ▶News

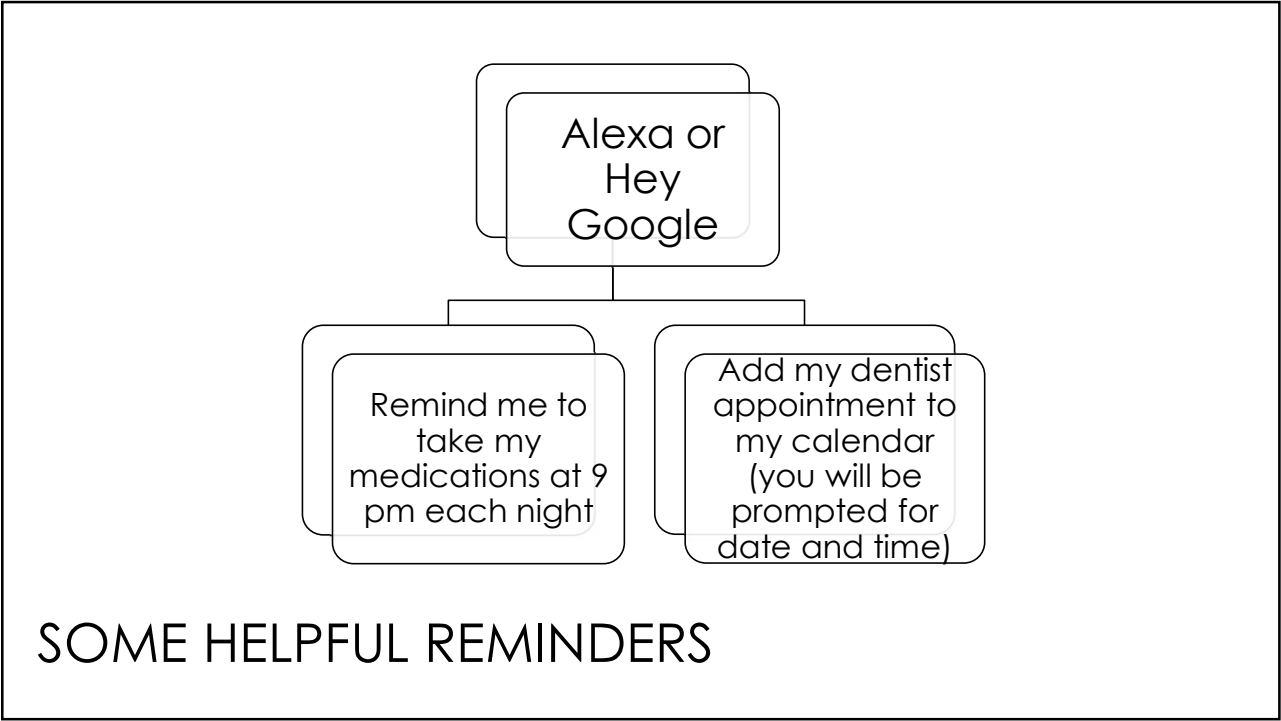
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## ALEXA / HEY GOOGLE



- ▶Add an item to my grocery list
- ▶What's on my grocery list
- ▶What is on my calendar

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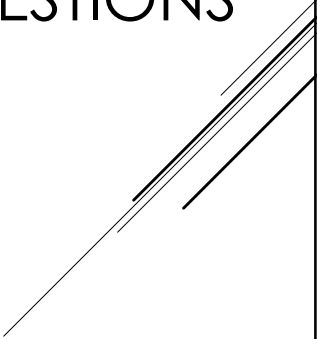
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What's the weather?

What time does Sam's Club in Evergreen Park open?

How long do I need to cook a 5 lb ham?

ASK QUESTIONS



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| <p>CAN'T<br/>REMEMBER<br/>SOMETHING OR<br/>JUST WANT TO<br/>STRETCH YOUR<br/>BRAIN</p> | <p>Alexa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Find my phone</li><li>▶ Start Song Quiz</li><li>▶ Play Trivia</li><li>▶ Question of the day</li><li>▶ Who was the 39<sup>th</sup> President of the US</li><li>▶ When was polio cured</li></ul> |
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| <p>CONNECT<br/>AMAZON<br/>ECHO TO WIFI</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Set up any Amazon Echo using the Amazon Alexa app on your mobile device.</li><li>• Trickiest part of setting up an Amazon Echo may be changing your mobile device's Wi-Fi network to the Echo's own network.</li><li>• After your initial setup of the device, you can customize settings on your Echo to get the most out of it.</li></ul> |
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Go

Google Play Store.

Search

Amazon Alexa app. Tap install.

Go back

To the home screen; tap the app to set it up.



How to Set Up Alexa on Your Android

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Log in

Using your username and password from your Amazon account.

Tap

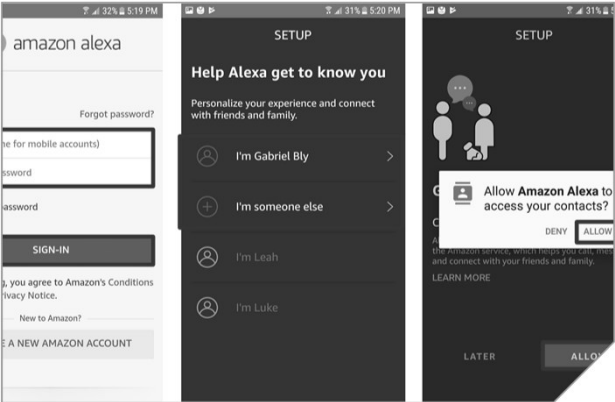
Get Started button.

Help

Alexa Get to Know You, choose your name. Tap to allow contacts.

Verify

If you wish to send and receive calls using Alexa, verify your phone number.



How to Set Up Alexa on Your Android

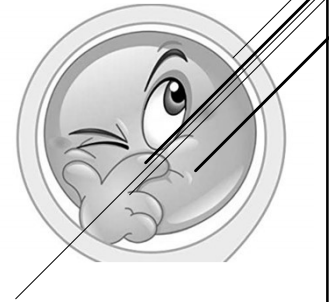
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## START USING ALEXA SKILLS

Alexa, open rain sounds.

Alexa, ask question of the day.



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## Home

- ▶ The Google Home can play music
- ▶ Primarily designed as a vehicle for Google Assistant - Google's voice-activated virtual helper that's connected to the internet.
- ▶ The Google Assistant you access via the Home is the same as the one on recent Android phones.

## Smartphone

- ▶ You can use Voice Match on your phone or watch to talk to the Google Assistant by saying "Hey Google."

## GOOGLE VOICE ACTIVATED DEVICES

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1. On your Android phone or tablet, open the Google app .

2. At the bottom right, tap More Settings. Voice.

3. Under "Hey Google," tap Voice Match.

4. Turn on Hey Google.

SETUP "HEY GOOGLE" ON ANDROID DEVICE

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| RISKS | <div><div>► It is cloud based so trouble if cloud problem</div><div>► Cyber-attacks</div><div>► People can hear conversations</div><div>► Privacy at risk if placed too close to windows</div><div>► <b>Amazon Echo security concerns</b> usually center around how the always-listening device can collect your data without your knowledge.</div></div> |
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- [Alexa Skills | Amazon.com](#)
- [Alexa for Seniors: 21 Extremely Practical Ways Older Adults Can Use Amazon Echo Devices](#)
- [The best smart home devices for 2021: Amazon, Google and Apple race to control your home](#)
- [Access the Google Assistant with your voice](#)

## LINKS TO REFERENCES

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# Q&A

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## CAN ALEXA READ MY KINDLE BOOKS?

**Alexa can read** your **books** on any Echo device. You **can** view all your **Kindle** ebooks by signing into the Amazon page to "Manage Your Content and Devices." **Alexa** should be able to **read** most of your **books** with the exception of comics and graphic novels.

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## ARE THERE SMART LIGHT BULBS

A **smart bulb** is an internet-capable **LED light bulb** that allows **lighting** to be customized, scheduled and controlled remotely. ... Many types of **smart bulbs** enable the home or building manager to control brightness as well as RGB color.

With **smart bulbs**, you **can** smarten **any** existing **light fixture** like a kitchen pendant **light** or a bedside **lamp**. ... **Smart bulbs** are team players, too. They **can** work alongside other **smart** home devices in scenes and routines with Amazon Alexa, Google Assistant or Siri via HomeKit.

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## MANAGE 'DO NOT DISTURB' ON SAMSUNG NOTE

Go to:

1. Settings
2. Notifications
3. Do not disturb – touch it
4. Turn on as scheduled and turn that off