

Build Alexa blueprints: <https://blueprints.amazon.com/?tag=823814-20>
<https://www.howtogeek.com/fyi/skill-blueprints-lets-you-design-your-own-alexa-responses-and-routines/>

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Alexa Routines: <https://www.howtogeek.com/332042/how-to-set-up-alexa-routines-to-control-multiple-smarthome-devices-at-once/>

Alexa guide:

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Alexa skills: <https://smile.amazon.com/s?field-keywords=alexa+skills>

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Review your Amazon voice recordings:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/help/customer/display.html/ref=as_li_ss_tl?nodeId=201602040&linkCode=sl2&tag=komandocom-20&linkId=18ac066823d32dc05e2e451e4d5ed0c8&language=en_US

Alexa voice command history: <https://www.amazon.com/alexaprivacy>

Alexa skills & games:

- Mad Libs
- Kids Court
- Sleep Sounds
- Find My Phone
- Anypod
- Make Me Smart

Helpful Alexa commands (<https://www.komando.com/tips/386042/list-of-alexa-commands-youre-not-using-but-should-be>)

Getting Amazon's virtual assistant's attention when using connected speakers is quite simple. All you need to say is Alexa and she is ready to execute your command. Let's start with the basics.

Basic commands

- Alexa, help
- Alexa, mute
- Alexa, unmute
- Alexa, stop
- Alexa, turn up/down the volume
- Alexa, go to sleep

Alarm clock and calendar

- Alexa, what time is it?
- Alexa, what's the date?
- Alexa, set an alarm for 6 a.m.
- Alexa, snooze
- Alexa, set a repeating alarm for 6 a.m. weekdays
- Alexa, when's my next alarm?
- Alexa, cancel my alarm for 8 a.m.
- Alexa, cancel all alarms
- Alexa, set a timer for 30 minutes
- Alexa, set a second timer for 10 minutes
- Alexa, add an event to my calendar
- Alexa, what's on my calendar for today?

Flash Briefings

A Flash Briefing is a quick overview of news and other content that you can discover and enable in the Skills section of the Alexa app. Alexa reads text or plays audio content provided by each enabled skill. Flash Briefings typically become a regular part of your day.

Alexa, give me my Flash Briefing

Alexa, what's in the news?

Alexa, open USA Today (Go ahead, ask her to find my articles, Kim Komando in the Tech section, too)

Alexa, next

Alexa, previous

Alexa, pause

Local and traffic information

Alexa, how is traffic?

Alexa, what's my commute like?

Alexa, what restaurants are nearby?

Alexa, what are the hours for the grocery store?

Alexa, is the pharmacy open?

Alexa, what time is the movie, Rogue One playing?

Weather

Alexa, what's the temperature?

Alexa, will it snow tomorrow?

Alexa, what's the forecast for this weekend?

Alexa, what's the weather in Seattle?

Alexa, what will the weather be like in New York tomorrow?

Alexa, is it going to rain today?

Alexa, what's the extended forecast for Las Vegas?

Smart home commands

Alexa, discover my smart home devices

Alexa, connect to my phone

Alexa, Bluetooth - this will pair a Bluetooth gadget

Alexa, turn on the lights

Alexa, turn on the TV

Alexa, raise the temperature 5 degrees

Alexa, set the temperature to 75

Alexa, lock my front door

Alexa, tell Geneva to preheat my oven to 350 degrees - You can control GE appliances with the Geneva skill

Music commands

Alexa, play my Oldies playlist

Alexa, play the Top Pop station

Alexa, what's playing?

Alexa, what's this song?

Alexa, play music by Elvis

Alexa, play the top songs this week

Alexa, turn it up/down

Alexa, stop the music

Alexa, resume

Alexa, shuffle my new music

Alexa, play the Frank Sinatra station on Pandora

Alexa, add this song to my Prime Music library

Alexa, play some blues

Alexa, shop for new music by Ed Sheeran
Alexa, what's popular from U2?
Alexa, play samples by Louis Armstrong
Alexa, buy Nevermind by Nirvana

Order products from Amazon

Alexa, order laundry detergent
Alexa, buy bathroom tissue
Alexa, reorder toothpaste
Alexa, add protein bars to my cart
Alexa, track my order
Alexa, where's my stuff?
Alexa, order an Echo Dot

To-do lists

Alexa, create a to-do list
Alexa, I need to make a doctor appointment
Alexa, I need to wash clothes
Alexa, add milk to my shopping list
Alexa, put get an oil change on my to-do list

- Alexa, open Headspace.
With Alexa, you can now enjoy free guided meditation and a sleep exercise from one of the most popular meditation apps. [Learn more.](#)
- Alexa, good morning.
- Alexa, when are the Grammys?
- Alexa, tell me a joke about unicorns.
- Alexa, play TED Radio Hour podcast.
- Alexa, let's workout.
- Alexa, how many astronauts have been to the moon?
- Alexa, tell me about Calling and Messaging.
- Alexa, sing a country song.
- Alexa, play Groundhog Day playlist from Amazon Music.
- Alexa, tell me a fact about dogs.
- Alexa, I want to learn something.
- Alexa, who's your favorite superhero?
- Alexa, what are the top five most populated countries?
- Alexa, how did the Dow Jones do today?
- Alexa, read a sample of Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them.
Brush up on the beasts of the Wizarding World with J.K. Rowling's most recent work, narrated by Eddie Redmayne. [Learn more.](#)
- Alexa, when's the next blue moon?
- Alexa, give me a foreign language quiz.
- Alexa, when is the Super Bowl?
- Alexa, open Escape the Room.
Experience escape rooms in a whole new way—solve puzzles to find your way out with Alexa as your guide. [Learn more.](#)
- Alexa, make a call.
- Alexa, tell me a palindrome.
- Alexa, when was Generation X born?
- Alexa, who's your favorite skateboarder?
- Alexa, what's the word of the day?

- Alexa, tell me a dinosaur joke.
- Alexa, what's the fifth largest city in the United States?
- Alexa, enable Today in Music.

Add Today in Music to your Flash Briefing for the latest news and tracks curated by the experts at Amazon Music.

- Alexa, what Audible books do I have?
- Alexa, when were the Dark Ages?
- Alexa, how do I get details about a song?
- Alexa, give me a spelling bee word.
- Alexa, sing a song
- Alexa, where's my phone?
- Alexa, who inspires you?
- Alexa, help me start the New Year.
- Alexa, play the Carpe Diem playlist from Amazon Music.
- Alexa, play rock-paper-scissors.
- Alexa, who's hosting the Golden Globes?
- Alexa, read *The Confidence Gap* from Audible.

Embrace 2018 with renewed confidence—enjoy this free audiobook for the month of January. [Learn more.](#)

- Alexa, what's the history behind New Year's resolutions?
- Alexa, what's the quote of the day?
- Alexa, do dogs dream?
- Alexa, what's the coldest temperature ever recorded in the US?
- Alexa, tell me a Pokémon joke.
- Alexa, open 1-Minute Mindfulness.
- Alexa, let's shop.
- Alexa, how do I set up calling and messaging?
- Alexa, who will win a Golden Globe?
- Alexa, what are your New Year's resolutions?
- Alexa, help me get started with skills.
- Alexa, tell me a Martin Luther King Jr. quote.
- Alexa, do you like cats or dogs?
- Alexa, play the new album by Justin Timberlake on Amazon Music.
- Alexa, how do I get a stain out?
- Alexa, what is *Artemis* about?
- Alexa, what are you doing for the big game?

What would happen if Alexa lost her voice? [Find out](#) with an early look at the Alexa commercial playing during Sunday's big game.

- Alexa, open babbling brook sounds.
- Alexa, how fast can Serena Williams serve?
- Alexa, can you make calls?
- Alexa, give me a Black History Month fact.
- Alexa, who's leading the NBA in points per game?
- Alexa, let's play a game for kids.
- Alexa, what's on my to-do list?
- Alexa, how much caffeine is in coffee?
- Alexa, give me a prediction for the big game.
- Alexa, who is Darth Vader?
- Alexa, send a text message.

Android users can now enable Alexa to send SMS messages to any contact through their mobile phone. [Learn how.](#)

- Alexa, give me a burn for the big game.
- Alexa, tell me a St. Patrick's Day limerick.
- Alexa, give me a recipe for corned beef.
- Alexa, are you wearing green today?
- Alexa, send a message.

- Now you can also send and receive messages and calls from your Fire tablet as well as your Alexa app and supported Echo devices. [Learn more.](#)
- Alexa, who is hosting American Idol this year?
- Alexa, give me a March Madness update.
- Alexa, what is the US dollar to Canadian dollar exchange rate?
- Alexa, who are your role models?
- Alexa, play Celtic Music for St. Patrick's Day on Amazon Music.
- Alexa, who wrote The Handmaid's Tale?
- Alexa, what's 50 degrees Fahrenheit in Celsius?
- Alexa, help me relax.
- Alexa, where's my stuff?
- Want Alexa to say what's coming? You can customize how Alexa provides information on your packages. [Learn more.](#)
- Alexa, give me a Star Trek joke.
- Alexa, what is the price of bitcoin?
- Alexa, who's the director of The Shape of Water?
- Alexa, you had me at 'hello.'
- Alexa, announce that dinner's ready.
Now there's an easier way to keep your family on the same page. [Learn more.](#)
- Alexa, what are Newton's laws of motion?
- Alexa, give me a fun fact for lefties.
- Alexa, when does *Avengers: Infinity War* release in theaters?
- Alexa, give me comedy.
With the Comedy Central skill you can play stand up or search for your favorite comedian. [Learn more.](#)
- Alexa, set a reminder.
- Alexa, can you sing in auto-tune?
- Alexa, how many days until Memorial Day?
- Alexa, inspire me.
- Alexa, who is your favorite baseball player?
- Alexa, play Rise and Shine from Amazon Music.
- Alexa, read *Junie B. Jones Book 1*.
Enjoy the first book in this New York Times bestselling kids' series free from Audible through May 10th. [Learn more.](#)
- Alexa, start a 7-Minute Workout.
- Alexa, tell me a light bulb joke.
- Alexa, what are the best films of 2018?
- Alexa, give me a Country Song quiz.
- **Family game:** Alexa, open World Detective.
- **Science fact:** Alexa, what is the temperature of the sun?
- **Celebrity height:** Alexa, how tall is Jennifer Lawrence?
- Alexa, what's the news?
- Alexa, make a donation.
Alexa and Amazon Pay make it easy to donate by just using your voice. [Learn more.](#)
- Alexa, why is Pluto not a planet?
- Alexa, translate 'good morning' in Japanese.
- Alexa, open TuneIn Live.
Listen to home and away games for your favorite sports teams with a free trial of the TuneIn Live skill. [Learn more.](#)
- Alexa, what's your favorite word?
- Alexa, who's leading the Masters?
- Alexa, play 'Your Song' by Lady Gaga.
Celebrate Elton John's music with Coldplay, Lady Gaga, and many more, as they reimagine some of his biggest hits. [Learn more.](#)
- Alexa, set a sleep timer for ten minutes.
When playing music, you can ask Alexa to set a sleep timer so that your music will automatically shut off.
- Alexa, who is your favorite poet?
- Alexa, tell me a baseball joke.

- Alexa, read my audiobook.
- Alexa, teach me something.
- Alexa, why is water wet?
- Alexa, how do I set up calling and messaging?
- Alexa, give me a tongue twister.
- **Video game:** Alexa, what is Fortnite Battle Royale?
- **Storytime skill:** Alexa, open Amazon Storytime.
- **Store hours:** Alexa, what time does Costco open?
- Alexa, what is your favorite baseball team?
- Alexa, give me a fortune.
- Alexa, what are the latest movie releases?
- Alexa, tell me a quote by Fred Rogers.
- Alexa, play Price It Right.
- Alexa, drop in on Home.

Connect instantly with your devices at home. [Learn more.](#)

- Alexa, tell me three things to know.
- Alexa, sing 'Take Me Out to the Ball Game.'
- Alexa, here's looking at you, kid.
- Alexa, test how smart I am.
- Alexa, give me a recap of the Mariners game.
- Alexa, what is a black hole?
- Alexa, play the Fool Me Once playlist from Amazon Music.
- Alexa, how do I play music in all my rooms?
- Alexa, play music everywhere
- Alexa, flip a coin.
- Alexa, what's the phone number for the nearest Whole Foods?
- **Fun fact:** Sharks
- Alexa, what's the weather? + What's the hourly weather?

Converse more naturally with Alexa and ask follow-up questions without repeating the wake word. Go to Settings in the Alexa app, choose your device, and enable Follow-Up Mode. [Learn more.](#)

- Alexa, tell me a thought from the cloud.
- Alexa, talk to Pikachu.
- Alexa, E.T. phone home.
- Alexa, who can I call?
- Alexa, what's the birthday roundup?
- Alexa, read about Quidditch.

Listen to bonus content from Quidditch Through the Ages, brought to life in audio available from Audible. Free on Alexa devices until April 15th. [Learn more.](#)

- Alexa, tell me a wizard joke.
- Alexa, what is the IMDb rating of *Peter Rabbit*?
- Alexa, set a 5-minute time out timer.
- Alexa, play Classical for Spring on Amazon Music.
- Alexa, how many miles is a 5k?
- Alexa, let's brush our teeth.
- Alexa, how old was Yoda?
- Alexa, how many times has Kansas made the Final Four?
- Alexa, tell me a riddle.

- **Trivia skill:** Question of the Day
- Alexa announce breakfast is ready
- Alexa drop in on the living room
- Alexa, teach me something
- Alexa, help me relax
- Alexa, what can you do?
- Alexa, what are your deals?
- Alexa, what are the top holiday movies?
- Alexa, reheat one dinner plate. Time for Thanksgiving leftovers? Just ask to microwave, defrost, and more, with the AmazonBasics Microwave and an Echo device.

- Alexa, drop in on the living room. Let the family know your Thanksgiving leftovers are ready. Use Drop In like an intercom to keep your household in sync.
- Alexa, E.T. phone home.
- Alexa, open sleep sounds.
- Alexa, how do I spell 'itinerary?'
- Alexa, tell me three things to know.
- Alexa, show me the front door. Is that you, Santa Claus? Alexa can help you get guest-ready including checking who's at the door, turning the Christmas tree lights on and off, and jingling your favorite tunes.
- Alexa, open My Pet Rock.
- Alexa, who wrote Elevation?
- Alexa, how are you?
- Alexa, open Price Tag.
- Alexa, how much is an ounce of gold?
- Alexa, who scored for the Golden Knights?
- Alexa, give me some advice.
- Alexa, play new music from Michael Bublé on Amazon Music.
- Alexa, play The Greatest Showman: Reimagined on Amazon Music.
- Alexa, play Christmas Classics on Amazon Music.
- Alexa, remind me to turn on the dishwasher when I get home. Now you can create location-based reminders to get a notification when you arrive at or leave a location.
- Alexa, what are the show times for Aquaman?
- Alexa, what are the skills of the year? Check out our top skills of 2018 for games, family fun, daily habits, and everything in between. Learn more.
- Alexa, what were your favorite moments of the year?
- Alexa, give me a quote.
- Alexa, open Smarty Pants Trivia.
- Alexa, tell me a Lego story.
- Alexa, what's on your mind?
- Alexa, add a smart plug to my cart.
- Alexa, what day is New Year's Day?
- Alexa, what are you doing for New Year's Eve?
- Alexa, set an alarm every day at 8 a.m. Don't want to wake others up to set your alarm? You can now create alarms directly in the Reminders & Alarms section of the Alexa app.
- Alexa, open Fact or Fib.
- Alexa, what are the odds for the Rose Bowl?
- Alexa, sing a New Year's song.
- Alexa, announce Happy New Year!
- Alexa, when is Boxing Day?
- Alexa, where is Santa?
- Alexa, open Disney Hits Challenge.
- Alexa, who's in second in the NBA Western Conference?
- Alexa, what's your favorite game?
- Alexa, how many days until New Year's Day?
- Alexa, tell me a winter joke.
- Alexa, how do I make a video call?
- Alexa, open Beat the Intro.
- Alexa, tell me a palindrome.
- Alexa, add five minutes to my timer. Ham almost done? Now you can add and remove time on your timers or restart as you need it.
- Alexa, what's the number for Chipotle?
- Alexa, what is your mission?
- Alexa, help me find a holiday playlist on Amazon Music.
- Alexa, announce Merry Christmas!

- Alexa, find me a recipe for Christmas.
- Alexa, help me send a holiday card. With the [Hallmark Holiday Greeting](#) Skill Blueprint, you can create and send personalized holiday cards with custom images, messages, and audio.
- Alexa, what is the best audiobook of 2018?
- Alexa, let's have some holiday fun.
- Alexa, what will the weather be like tomorrow?
- Alexa, winter is coming.
- Alexa, play North Pole Radio from iHeartRadio. No matter which speaker heard your music request, Alexa can now always play music (from any music provider) through the preferred speaker you have selected in a group. Go to the Alexa app to get started.
- Alexa, open Heads Up!
- Alexa, what is Duke's record?
- Alexa, check my email. Now get your most recent emails through your Echo devices. Stay organized by linking your Gmail or Outlook email account in the Alexa app in Settings > Email & Calendar.
- Alexa, how old is Santa?
- Alexa, help me get ready for Santa.
- Alexa, what is the dollar to euro conversion rate?
- Alexa, I love you.
- Alexa, play Hallmark Channel Radio on SiriusXM. Listen to all holiday channels on SiriusXM for free, through December 25th, on your Echo device. Just enable the [SiriusXM](#) Skill.
- Alexa, how is my commute?
- Alexa, tell me a holiday limerick.
- Alexa, rename the living room plug.
Rename your smart home devices and organize them into groups so you can control them more easily. Just ask to rename a device or add a device to a group.
- Alexa, no soup for you.
- Alexa, when does Game of Thrones return?
- Alexa, play new music on Amazon Music.
- Alexa, learn my voice.
Get your personalized experience for music, making calls, setting location-based reminders, and more, when Alexa recognizes your voice. Set up your voice profile today. [Learn more.](#)
- Alexa, what's the question of the day?
- Alexa, drop in on the kitchen.
- Alexa, what is your favorite hobby?
- Alexa, what is the next book by Rachel Hollis?
- Alexa, sing *Woohoo Technology*.
- Alexa, open Chevrolet.
Ask Alexa to remotely start and pre-condition your Chevrolet vehicle. For the full list of Connected Car Skills, learn more [here](#).
- Alexa, when does March Madness start?
- Alexa, how's the Dow Jones doing?
- Alexa, open Word Play.
- Alexa, when is Ash Wednesday?
- Alexa, can you do an impression?
- Alexa, help me create a chore chart.
- Alexa, help me track my tasks.
- Alexa, who's on dish duty tonight?
With the [Chore Chart](#), [Task Tracker](#), and [Whose Turn](#) Skill Blueprints, you can create personalized Alexa Skills to help organize and simplify your life at home.
- Alexa, what's the latest?
Get the latest news headline with Alexa as the newscaster. [Learn more.](#)
- Alexa, when is President's Day?
- Alexa, tell me a presidential fact.

- Alexa, open Lemonade Stand.
- Alexa, surprise me.
- Alexa, show me the front door camera.
Stay connected to home activity with compatible smart home security. [Learn more](#) about the different ways you can make your home smarter.
- Alexa, let's play a game.
- Alexa, call mom's cell.
- Alexa, tell me about the upcoming NASCAR race.
- Alexa, give me a riddle.
- Alexa, read the book Life of Pi from Audible.
Now you can control your listening speed. Just say, Alexa, read faster or Alexa, read slower after starting your book.
- Alexa, open Silver Linings.
- Alexa, how many ounces are in a gallon?
- Alexa, what's trending?
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Audio Equalizer: You can adjust bass, treble and midrange on a + / – 6dB scale using commands like these (following the wake word):

Turn up the {bass / treble / midrange}.

Set {bass / treble / midrange} to {minus / plus} {number 1-6}.

I've found this voice command is finicky, and I often have to repeat it while speaking very clearly, loudly, and close to the device's microphones. When the command fails you'll get a response of, Hmm...I don't know that one.

Set the {bass / treble / midrange} to {maximum / minimum}.

Reset equalizer.

Sets all EQ scales back to zero.

Equalizer command examples:

Alexa, turn up the bass.

Alexa, set the treble to 3.

Alexa, reset the equalizer.

Playback controls:

Alexa, pause.

Alexa, resume.

Alexa, skip.

Alexa, next.

Alexa, stop.

Volume:

Alexa, volume up.

Alexa, volume 6.

Alexa skills:

Alexa, help me sleep.

Alexa, compliment me.

Alexa, give me some inspiration.

Alexa, let's have fun.

Alexa, play Jeopardy!

Alexa, open Rain Sounds

Alexa, play Word Master.

Alexa, play Question of the Day.

Alexa, open Sleep Sounds

Alexa, open The Wall Street Journal.

Alexa, start five minute plank.

Alexa, open NPR One.

Alexa, open Translated

Alexa, open My Beauty Chat.

Alexa open the Magic Door.

Alexa, open Babbling brook.

Alexa, play Twenty Questions.