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Guide on Turning Android TalkBack Screen Reader On and Off

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Your Android built-in screen reader is known as TalkBack. If you have sighted assistance, you can switch this on by going to the Settings, Accessibility, and activating TalkBack. But if you don't have sighted assistance, there is a shortcut which works straight out of the box, and that is by simply holding down your volume up and down keys. You will feel a slight haptic vibration which tells you that something's happening, and then you'll hear TalkBack speak to you. So let's try that now.

[Screen Feedback / TalkBack Voice]: "Screen hidden. To change this, tap with three fingers to open the TalkBack menu."

So TalkBack is now on. I can use that same shortcut to turn it off again. So if you need it sometimes, but you don't need it all the time, this is a really handy shortcut. So if I hold the volume up and down buttons together now...

[Screen Feedback / TalkBack Voice]: "TalkBack off."