

# Simple “Alexa” commands

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## Basic commands

Ask for help	“Alexa, help”
Have a conversation	“Alexa, let’s chat”
Mute or unmute	“Alexa, mute” or “Alexa, unmute”
Stop or pause	“Alexa, stop” or “Alexa, shut up”
Volume control	“Alexa, set volume to 5” or “Alexa, louder” or “Alexa, turn up/down the volume” (volume is a scale from 1 to 10, with 10 being loudest).

## Time and date

Set an alarm	“Alexa, set an alarm for 7” or “Alexa, wake me up at 7 in the morning”
Music alarm	“Alexa, wake me up to [artist, song, genre, playlist or album] at 7am”
Set a repeating alarm	“Alexa, set a repeating alarm for weekdays at 7am”
Set a timer	“Alexa, set a timer for 15 minutes”
Create a named timer	“Alexa, set a pizza timer for 20 minutes”
Set multiple timers	“Alexa, set a second timer for 5 minutes”
Check timer status	“Alexa, how much time is left on the pizza timer?” or “Alexa, cancel the 15 minute timer”
Ask the time	“Alexa, what time is it?”
Ask the date	“Alexa, what’s the date?”
Ask when next alarm is	“Alexa, when’s my next alarm?”
Cancel an alarm	“Alexa, cancel my alarm for 2pm”
Snooze alarm	“Alexa, snooze”

## Settle a score

Roll a die	“Alexa, roll a dice” or “Alexa, roll a 6 sided die”
Flip a coin	“Alexa, flip a coin”
Pick a number	“Alexa, pick a number between 1 and 50”

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## Commands to keep you on task

Create a new 'to do' item	“Alexa, create a to do list”
Add tasks to 'to do' list	“Alexa, add 'go to supermarket' to my to do list” or “Alexa, I need to make an appointment with the doctor”
Check calendar events	“Alexa, what’s on my calendar for tomorrow?”
Add an event to a calendar	“Alexa, add [event] to my calendar for [time and date]”
Move a calendar event	“Alexa, move my meeting from 1pm to 3pm”
Create a shopping list	“Alexa, add eggs to my shopping list” or “Alexa, I need to buy laundry detergent”
Check your shopping list	“Alexa, what’s on my shopping list?”
Create a reminder	“Alexa, reminder” or “Alexa, remind me to check the oven in 5 minutes” or “Alexa, what reminders do I have tomorrow?”

## Making calls and messages

Call another Echo user	“Alexa, call [name]”
Answer incoming call	“Alexa, answer the call” or “Alexa, answer”
Hang up a call	“Alexa, hang up” or “Alexa, end the call”
Message another Echo user	“Alexa, message [name]” or “Alexa, send [name] a message”
Play messages	“Alexa, play messages”
Send as SMS	“Alexa, send an SMS to [contact name]” or “Alexa, send an SMS”
Make an announcement	“Alexa, announce [eg. it’s dinner time!]”

## Music commands

Play music	“Alexa, play [artist or song or genre]”
Music controls	“Alexa, loop” or “Alexa, pause” or “Alexa, next” or “Alexa, previous”
Music information	“Alexa, what’s playing?” or “Alexa, what year did [band] release [song or album]?”

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## News and weather

Ask for your Flash Briefing	“Alexa, what’s my Flash Briefing?”
Add music news to your Flash Briefing	“Alexa, enable Today in Music”
Check headlines	“Alexa, what’s in the news?”
Check weather	“Alexa, what’s the weather like?” or “Alexa, will it rain today?” or “Alexa, will I need an umbrella today?”
Get a weather forecast	“Alexa, what’s the weather going to be like this weekend?”
Get traffic information	“Alexa, what’s my commute look like?” or “Alexa, what’s the traffic like?”

## Entertainment

- “Alexa, open Amazon Story Time”
- “Alexa, open Bingo”
- “Alexa, give me a riddle”
- “Alexa, tell me a movie joke”
- “Alexa, when do Manchester United play next?”
- “Alexa, open today’s Horoscopes”

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