

## Voice Control for Samsung Phones

### Bixby voice control for Samsung phones

Bixby is the dedicated virtual assistant software that is compatible with Samsung Galaxy Phones. The assistant uses voice queries and a natural-language user interface to answer questions, make recommendations and perform actions. It requires an internet connection to turn your speech into text and then perform the action. It is available on the following Samsung devices:

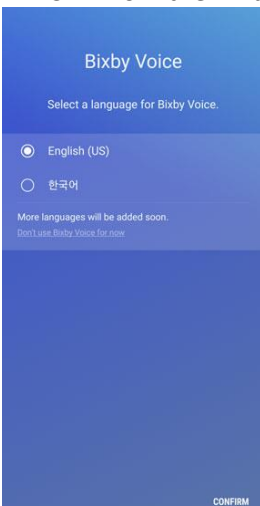
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### Setting up Bixby

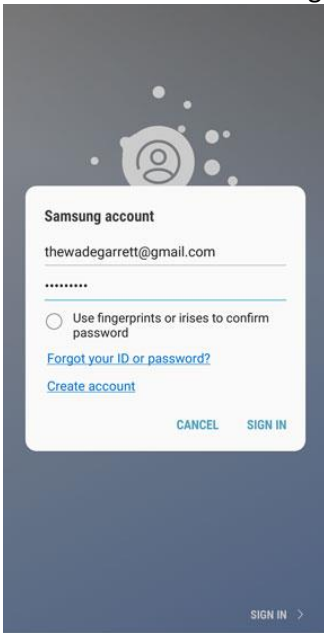
1. From the Home Screen, either swipe from left to right or press the **Bixby Button** located on the side of the phone to open Bixby
2. From the Bixby Screen, tap **Next** as needed then tap **Sign in**



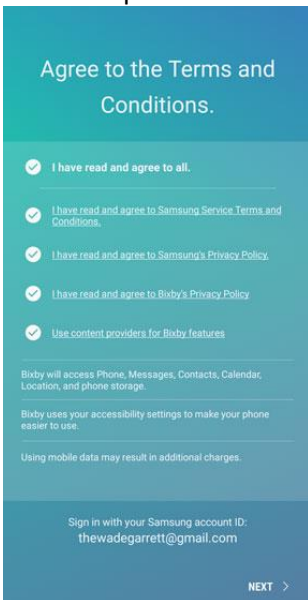
3. From the Bixby Voice screen, select the appropriate language then tap **Confirm**



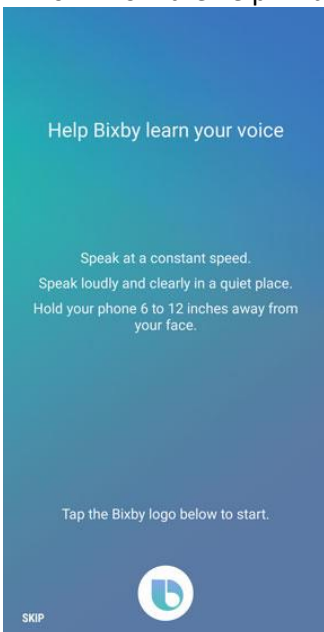
4. From the Samsung Account screen, enter your account information, or create an account, then tap **Sign in**



5. From the Samsung account screen review the terms and conditions. Check all appropriate checkboxes then tap **Next** to continue



6. From the help Bixby learn your voice screen, follow the voice training or tap **Skip** to continue



7. Follow all other instructions as you wish, although this is the minimum to use Bixby successfully.

## Using Bixby voice control

### Activating Bixby

- Press the Bixby button on the side of the phone to activate
- If the Bixby button is not accessible say *“Hey Bixby” to activate*

### Basic Commands

- To call someone say *“Hi Bixby call (insert name)”*
- To call on speakerphone say *“Hi Bixby call (insert name) on speakerphone”*
- To send a message say *“Hi Bixby create a message” Bixby will ask who to send it to say “Hi Bixby (insert name)” Bixby will ask what to put in the message say “Hi Bixby (insert message)”*
- To send an email say *“Hi Bixby send email to (insert name)” then dictate message once this opens*
- To launch an app say *“Hi Bixby, launch (insert app name)”*
- To set an alarm say *“Hi Bixby, set an alarm for (insert time)”*
- To add a calendar event say *“Hi Bixby, add meeting with (insert name) on (insert date) to my calendar”*
- To go to home screen from anywhere in the phone say *“Hi Bixby go to home screen”*
- To Scroll up and down say *“Hi Bixby scroll (up/down)”*
- To swipe your page left and right say *“Hi Bixby swipe (left/right)”*
- To see notifications say *“Hi Bixby, show me all my notifications” or “Hi Bixby show me my latest notification”*
- To download applications from the app store say *“Hi Bixby, download (insert app name) from the Play Store”*
- To add a contact say *“Hi Bixby add (insert name) as a new contact with the number (insert number)”*

## Tips for looking after your voice when using voice control

- Speak a little slower but conversationally - there is no need to speak in a mono-tone. Speak at your normal pace and tone because speech software will train itself to your voice.
- Think about what you want to say before you speak because backing up and fixing errors can slow you down.
- Drink plenty of water and be aware of dehydrating agents (e.g. caffeine, sugary drinks like soda and juice, alcohol, some medications like decongestants and antihistamines) which can dry out your throat and can cause irritation and potential damage.
- Reduce exposure to irritants (e.g. , cigarette smoke, allergens etc.) which can increase irritate the vocal folds (voice box).
- Rest your voice if it starts to feel strained – DO NOT whisper if your voice is feeling strained as this can cause more damage.
- You may wish to consider meditation and other relaxing activities to relax the muscles of your throat and mouth.
- Try to get plenty of sleep.
- Be aware of the humidity in your environment and use a humidifier if the air is very dry.

If you start to experience pain when speaking, the need to constantly clear your throat, increased coughing, or your voice quality changes (scratchy, rough or you lose your voice) then please contact a speech-language therapist immediately to discuss these concerns.

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