



What Do Those Android Symbols Mean?



A quick guide to the most common icons in your Android phone's status bar.



Camera in Use

A green dot or camera icon means an app is using your camera.

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Microphone in Use

An orange dot or microphone icon means an app is using your microphone.

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Location in Use

A location arrow means an app is using or recently used your location.

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Wi-Fi

You are connected to a Wi-Fi network.

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100%



Cellular Signal

Shows the strength of your mobile network connection.

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100%

5G

LTE

4G

5G, LTE or 4G

Shows the type of cellular network you are connected to.

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5G



100%



Airplane Mode

Airplane Mode is on. Cellular, Wi-Fi and Bluetooth are turned off.

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100%



Bluetooth

Bluetooth is on and connected to a device, such as headphones, a car or a speaker.

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100%



VPN

Your internet traffic is being routed through a VPN.

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100%



Do Not Disturb

Do Not Disturb is on. Calls, alerts and notifications may be silenced.

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100%



Alarm

An alarm is set.

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100%



NFC

NFC is on for contactless payments, pairing or data sharing.

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100%



Battery Level

Shows your current battery charge.

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100%



Charging

Your phone is connected to a charger.

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100%



Battery Saver

Battery Saver (Power Saving Mode) is on.

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100%



Low Battery

Your battery level is very low.

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10%



Good to know: Android icons can look different depending on your phone brand (Samsung, Google Pixel, Motorola, etc.) and Android version. The meaning is usually the same, but the design may vary.

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